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Dispute headed to the Supreme Court

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Barring final chance to pull the plug, litigation between Crawford County and the 46th Circuit Trial Court will head to the highest court in the state.

In an opinion issued earlier this month, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda's ruling which said that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had to fund retirement health care and pension benefits for 46th Trial Court employees.

Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable costs to fund the unified court, which covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

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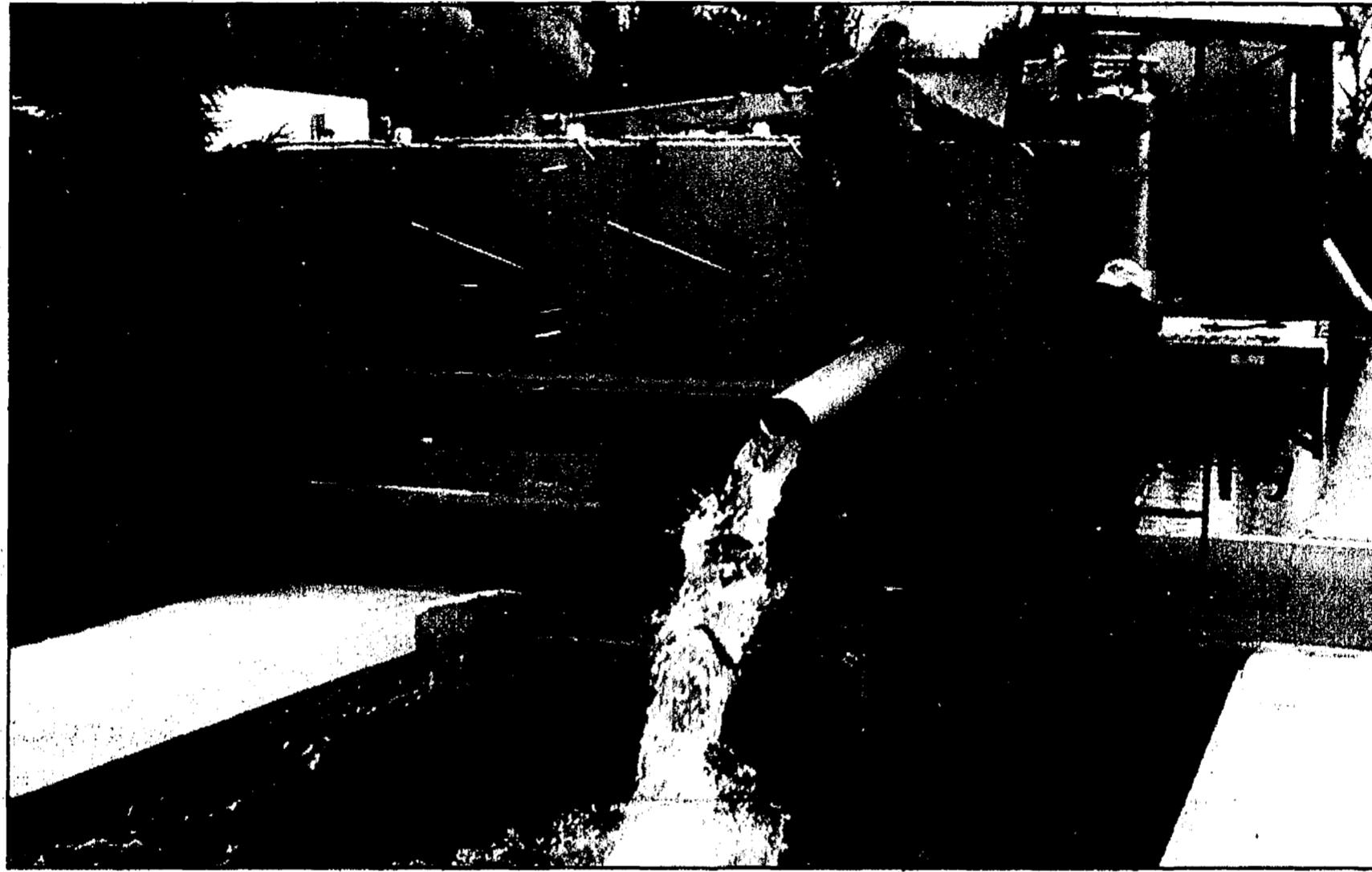


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Rainbow and brook trout for the upcoming tourist season were placed in the raceways at the Grayling Fish Hatchery on Monday. The first of four loads of fish contained 5,685 rainbow trout and 2,000 brook trout, said Jerry Kahn, the owner of the Cedarbrook Trout Farm, who is pictured on the right above. Kahn contracted with Dan Vogler, the owner of Harrietta Fish Farm, to haul the trout to the hatchery, which is operated by the Grayling Recreation Authority.

Military Hall of Honor service slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County residents are encouraged to meet local veterans and give them a pat on the back on Memorial Day.

Crawford AuSable School District officials will honor graduates who have served the country in the service at the unveiling of the Grayling High School's Military Hall of Honor which will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 30 in the high school auditorium.

One wall of the Military Hall of Honor will recognize veterans who have served actively in past wars, with plaques that will represent the veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean

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'STAR WARS' FANS GATHER FOR LOCAL PREMIERE

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The force is strong with local Star Wars fans, who attended the Rialto's 12:01 a.m. Thursday premiere of "Star Wars: Episode III- Revenge of the Sith." It didn't take a Jedi mind trick to convince Grayling fans that their home town was the place to see the final Star Wars film.

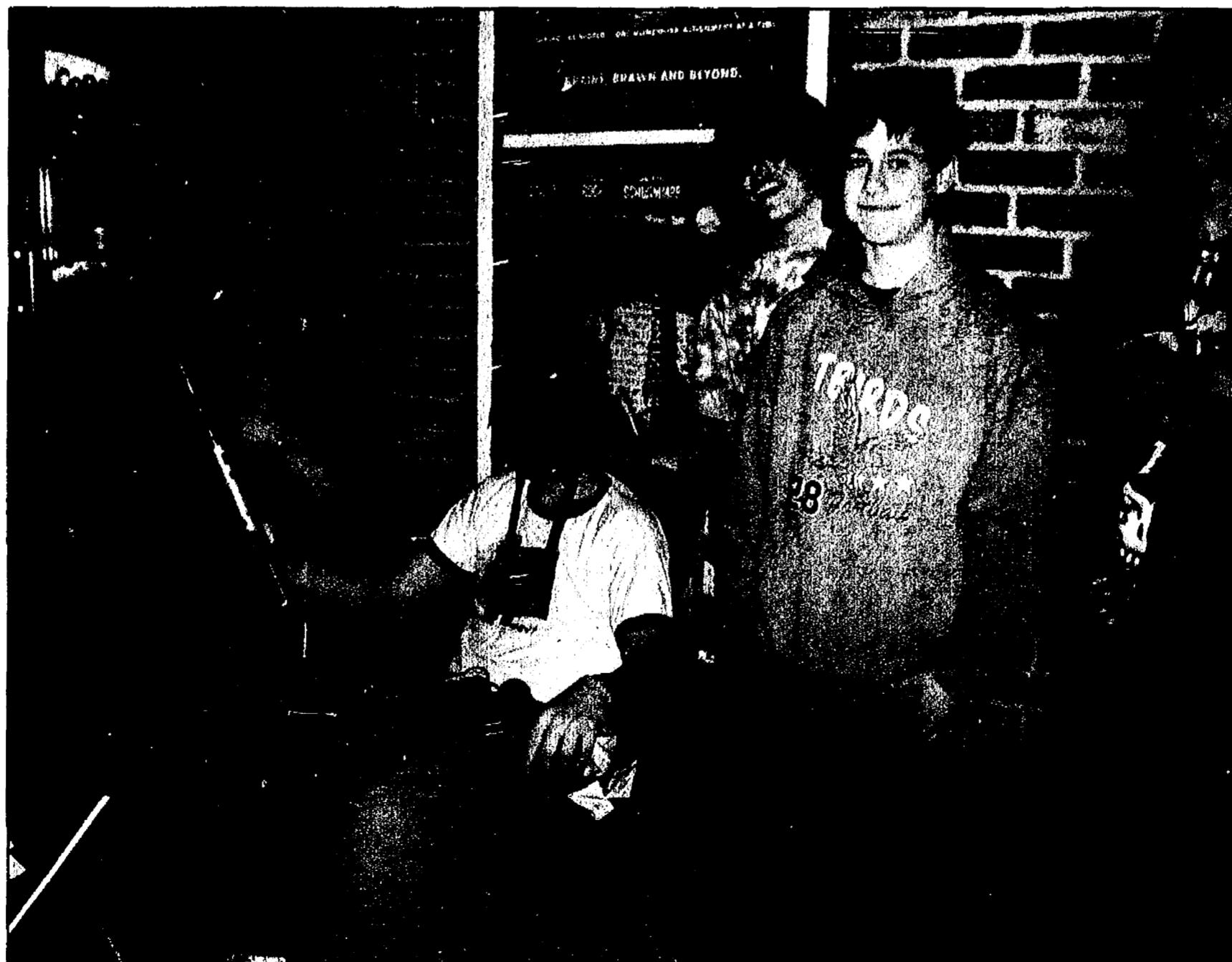
"We decided to keep it real for the home town," said Luke Southard, a senior at Grayling High School. He was first in line, along with his friend, Mike Barry. Although, the two started their wait at 8:30 p.m., they realized that patience is key to the Jedi way.

"We had a great time (in line). We had some lightsaber fights and we all chilled," said Southard. The spirit of Star Wars made the premiere into a community event.

"There were like three little kids dressed up as Darth Vader," said Barry. Two places down the line was Rich Ryan, who agreed that the Rialto was the best place to see the film.

"I knew everyone in the theater and it wasn't as far as Gaylord," said Ryan. "Why

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Star Wars fans Luke Southard (left) and Mike Barry (center, wearing mask) were first in line at the Rialto. They were joined by others who were excited to see the final episode of the series.

Lobsinger resigns from shelter post

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After over a dozen years operating the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Dixie Lobsinger has moved on to pursue other interests.

Lobsinger resigned from her director's position and from her seat on the shelter board effective May 2. She operated the shelter since 1991 when Crawford County ceased operating the animal shelter due to budget woes.

Lobsinger said she will continue to run shot and spay and neutering clinics.

"Even though I'm not with the shelter, I'm still going to do what I can for the animals in Crawford County," Lobsinger said.

The animal shelter, located next to the Crawford County Road Commission, is forging ahead.

"Dixie taught us well and we are going to carry on with the mission of the shelter which is to find homes for pets and to

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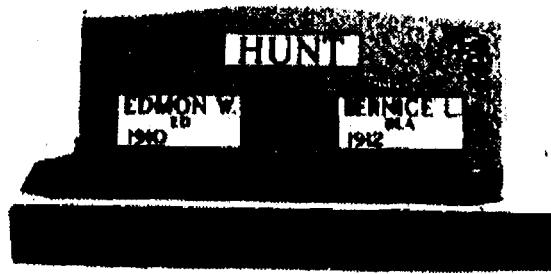
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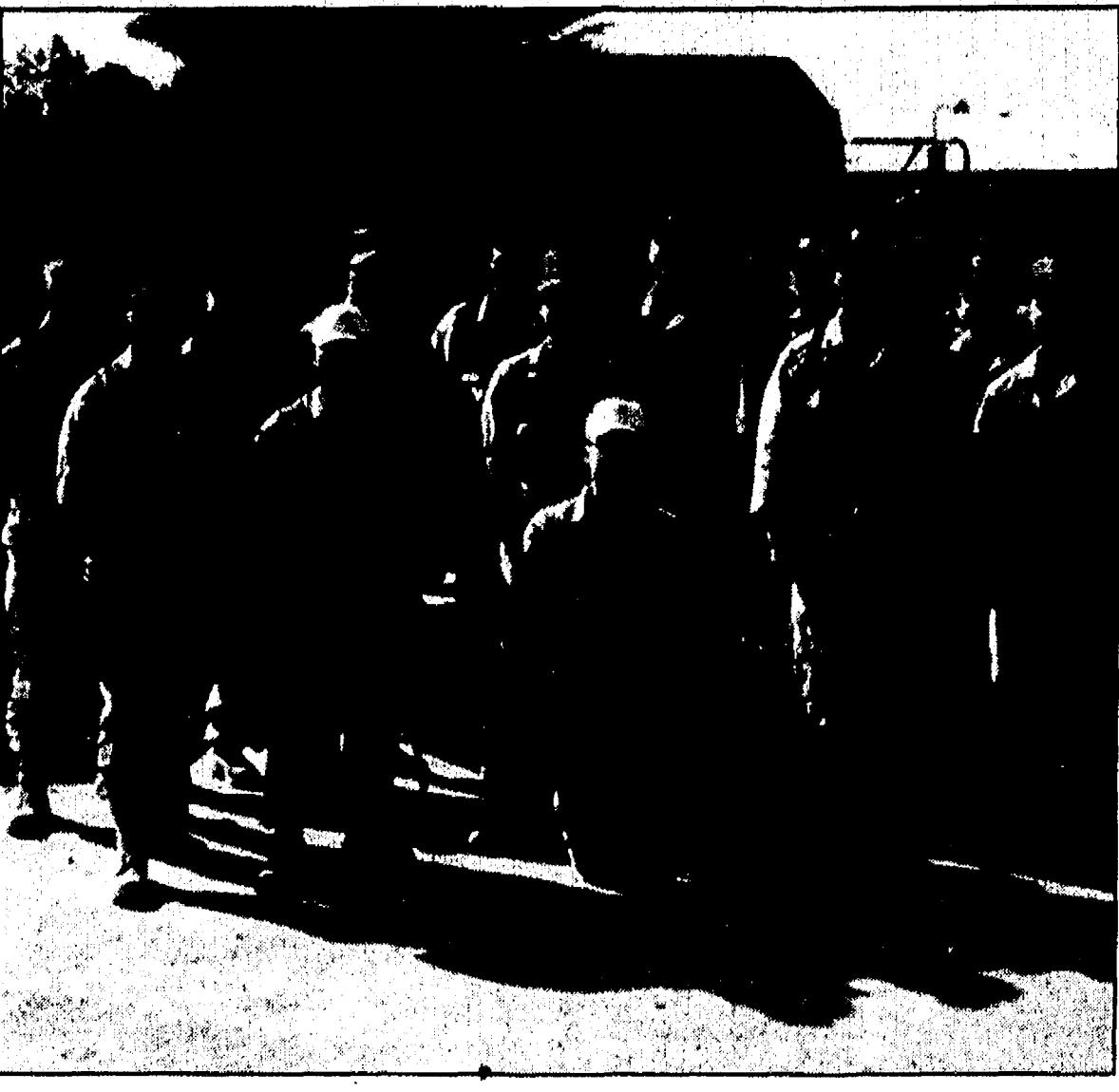


Photo courtesy of David White
Members of 1st Battalion 126th Armor Division based out of Manistee, which was deployed to Iraq in December, recently received a number of hats from Grayling area businesses. David White, the son of Joe and Barbara White, emailed the photo above of the troops gladly wearing the hats as a thank you to the donors for being remembered so far away from home. Businesses which donated hats included Fick and Sons, Moore Automotive Supply, Car Quest Auto Parts, Goodales Bakery, Milan Supply and McLean's Ace Hardware. David White and Paul Conway, members of the 126th Armor Division who live in Grayling, work at the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site.

Two infant bear cubs rescued in Crawford County

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Two infant black bear cubs were removed from the property surrounding a home in Southeast Crawford County last week after the DNR received a call from a concerned resident at about 9 a.m. on May 16.

"They called the right people," said DNR Statewide Bear Specialist Dave Bostick. The Crawford County resident contacted the Roscommon district office of the DNR after spotting two bear cubs hiding in a tree next to the resident's house.

"They had been up in the tree for at least a day," said Bostick. Shortly after receiving the call, Mark Boersen, a biologist from the Roscommon district office, arrived on the scene.

"I went out there and examined the situation first," said Boersen. He proceeded to interview the mother bear, called a sow, had not been spotted. This brought up the possibility that the cubs had been abandoned for some reason. This was dangerous for the cubs, who would not be able to survive without the guidance and food that the sow provides. Boersen made contact with other

DNR officials before proceeding with the rescue.

"Together, we came up with an exact strategy," said Boersen. Officials coaxed the cubs out of the tree and kept them in a makeshift holding area overnight. Since the cubs would not be able to survive without their mother, releasing them into the wild was not an option.

"By approaching (the problem) in a systemized way and not rushing to any action we were allowing the sow more time to return," said Boersen. The cubs were kept in a holding 'trap' on the property overnight. If the sow approached, DNR officials would release the infants.

"We really gave her as much opportunity to come back as we possibly could," said Boersen. After two nights without food, the baby cubs would be in serious need of nutrition. DNR officials could not afford to wait any longer.

"It gets down to value judgments," said Bostick. By 5 p.m. Tuesday, Boersen was informed that the cubs were to be relocated. The next morning, DNR officers utilized special equipment to load and transport the bears to their new home.



Photo courtesy of Jim Diem/Newberry News

The two cubs now live at a bear sanctuary in the U.P. They were discovered stranded in a tree by a Crawford County resident who reported the lost bears on May 16.

Less than 24 hours after receiving the order to move the bears, Boersen had delivered them safely to their new home, a bear sanctuary north of Newberry in the Upper Peninsula. DNR officials are confident that the bears will be safe in Dean Oswald's Bear Ranch.

"We knew they had the experience to be able to raise them," said Bostick. According to Bostick, the mother was never

spotted. She is most likely dead.

"It's possible that the mother was what we call a 'nuisance bear,'" said Bostick. Nuisance bears are bears that find a food source outside of their natural habitat and become dependent on living in residential areas. They may be feeding on garbage or even feeding off food that is purposefully provided to the bears by residents.

"Garbage bears almost inevitably become dead bears eventually," said Bostick. This problem is especially common in Northern Michigan, where bears often live in close proximity with people.

"Frankly, we have lots of bears that live pretty close to suburban residential areas," said Bostick. "They're pretty intelligent and they're perfectly capable of living around people."

This is all too clear to Pat and Louie Essiambre, whose bird feeder was obliterated by a hungry bear Monday. The Essiambres, who live off McIntyre Landing, did not see the bear, but they were most impressed with the results.

"I was making my coffee and I looked out my window and I said 'holy Toledo,'" said Pat. A bear had apparently smashed their bird feeder to bits in order to get the food inside.

"The bears are there because there's food there, one way or another," said Bostick. It is important for the protection of both humans and bears that people with recurring bear problems contact the DNR.

"Only about one tenth of people that feel they have a bear problem actually call us," said Bostick. By ensuring that nuisance bears are dealt with early, residents can ensure that incidents of motherless cubs remain rare.

"The key to dealing with nuisance bears is to prevent creating nuisance bears in the first place," said Bostick. For more information on dealing with lost cubs or nuisance bears, call the Roscommon district office at 989-275-5151 or visit the Michigan DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Museum undergoes major overhaul

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Since 1985, the Grayling Museum has served at its current location as a reminder of the rich history of Crawford County. It has changed very little in the 20 years since it moved from the former site of the Crawford County library to the train station building at the end of Michigan Avenue. Until now, that is.

"It needed a face lift," said Kay Cosgray, chairperson of the Crawford County Historical Society. The interior of the building has been completely expanded and reorganized for the museum's Memorial Day weekend opening. This includes the addition of entirely new displays.

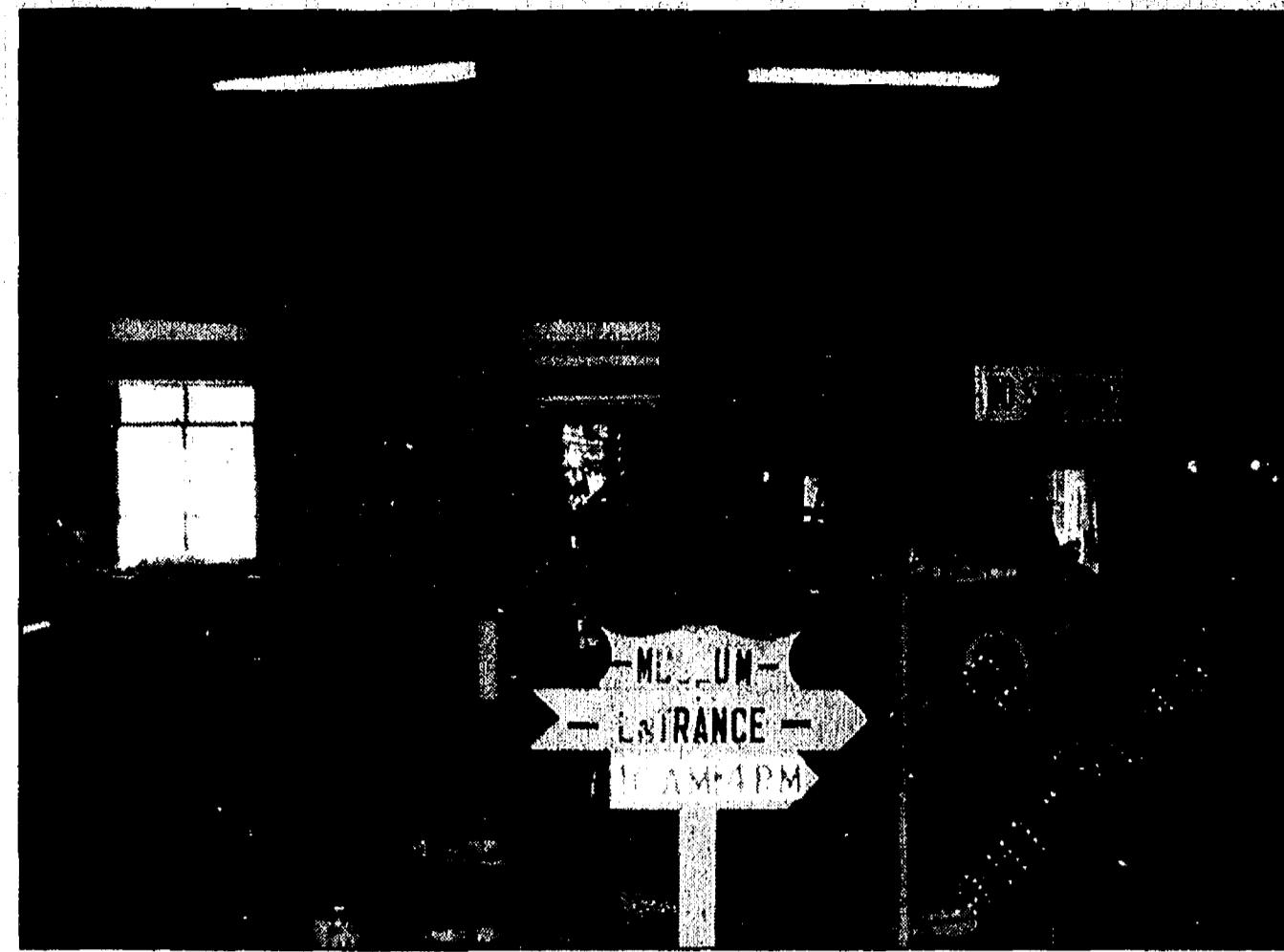
"We now have one whole section just for railroad artifacts," said Cosgray. Other new displays included a section devoted to historical churches in the county and a Canoe Marathon display.

"This is a really good museum as far as all the artifacts we have in there," said Cosgray. In the upstairs level, there are ten displays, each hosted by a different sponsoring business or organization within the county. Although the sponsorship program has existed for years, sponsors are now required to regularly update their sections. The idea is that this system will keep things fresh and interesting for years to come. In fact, the entire overhaul is part of a long-term plan.

"We're going to change at least one major area every year," said Cosgray. The reorganization of the interior also provides more walking space in order to accommodate more visitors. The problem of persistent glare from the sun has also been corrected, ensuring that rare photographs are not bleached and destroyed.

"A lot of people come here looking for their roots," said Cosgray.

Now, people won't be the only things with roots at the museum. The exterior site is receiving a



The main entrance to the museum opens to new displays and a smarter layout. The facility opens for the 2005 season this Friday.

landscaping overhaul that is just as comprehensive as the historical overhaul taking place indoors.

Heirloom flowers such as older bulbs and lilies are being planted on the grounds. The area will be given a professional look by the Michigan Extension Master Gardener Class, which will be working there throughout the summer.

"We're going to try to make it a little more showy this year," said Sharon Davis, a member of the historical society board. "This first year is just a matter of getting the flowers out."

Heirloom flowers tie in with the historical nature of the museum, as they are older flowers that are no longer common in the area. A vegetable garden is also being planted on the grounds, and all the unsightly bushes that once grew on the property have been uprooted and removed.

"We can move forward because of the sprinkler system," said Davis. An in-ground sprin-

kler system is one of the pricey new additions that the historical society hopes they will ultimately be able to afford.

"This is our last ditch effort," said Cosgray. "It's just not self-sustaining."

The historical society recently applied for a grant that will hopefully be of some help. Nevertheless, it will still be a challenge for the museum to keep up with the mounting bills.

The real solution is to increase community interest in the museum and to recruit new volunteers.

"We need volunteers to keep the doors open," said Davis. In a major fund raising effort, the museum will be hosting the "Grayling Steam Special" in partnership with the Steam Railroading Institute and the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. The event will take place in the fall.

"We're planning for about 2,500 extra people in town that weekend," said Cosgray. The Grayling Museum will sell tick-

ets for a 26 mile round trip tour on the historical train, which also happened to serve as the inspiration for the engine in "The Polar Express."

As part of the historical society's recruitment effort, all new or renewed members will be entered into a drawing for a free train trip.

"There will be four lucky free ride winners," said Cosgray. This offer will only be extended for a short time, so interested Crawford County residents are encouraged to seek membership as soon as possible.

"We hope to have the facility pay for itself," said Cosgray. The museum will be merchandising items such as candy, whistles, key chains and shirts. In another change, admission will be free with the request of a donation. It is all part of an overall effort to get more people to stop by and enjoy the museum during the summer months.

"Have lunch while you're visiting," said Cosgray. We're open, that's what we're here for!"

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Historic church at Wellington Farm Park

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The historic Stittsville Church, which first served as a place of worship for an 1880s logging town in Missaukee County, has found a new home.

The church was moved from Norwich Township to the Wellington Farm Park last Thursday. Hutchinson Davis Movers of Lake City made the 26-mile move over two days while Consumer Powers crews lowered the lines.

The Stittsville Church, which was donated by the Norwich Township Board to Wellington Farm Park because property where the church was located will be developed and the church was slated to be demolished. The church was last used for services in the 1990s.

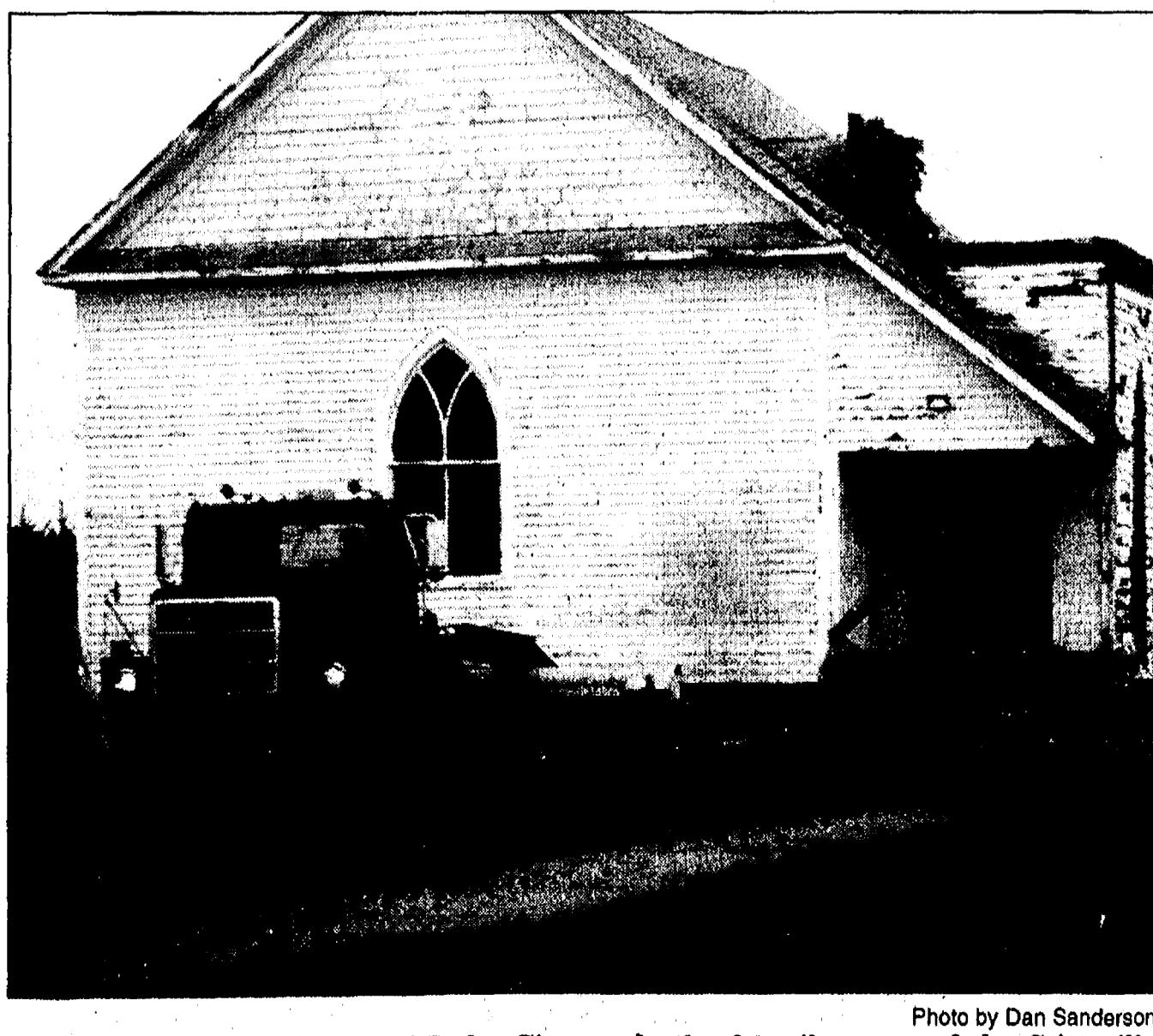


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Hutchinson Davis Movers of Lake City made the 26-mile move of the Stittsville Church over two days while Consumers Power crews lowered the lines.

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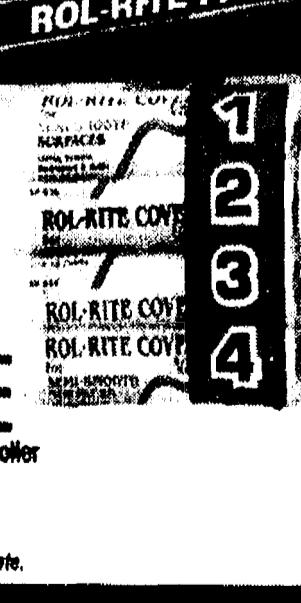
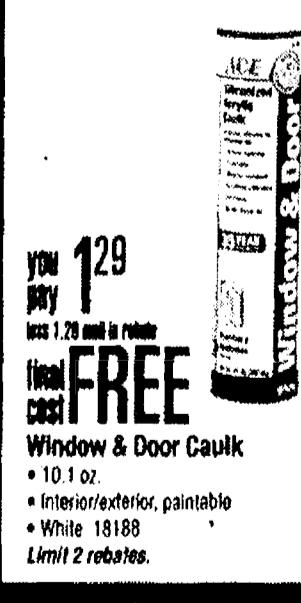
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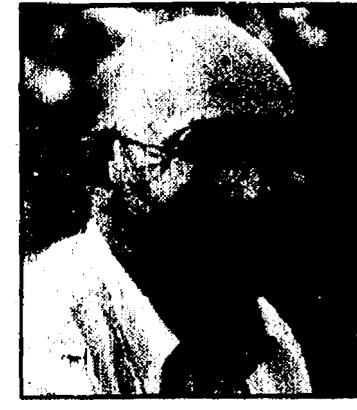
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ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

New state school chief is no surprise

I SEE BY THE PAPERS the state board of education has selected Mike Flanagan as boss of Michigan's wide ranging state department of education.

The board interviewed three finalists during the last couple of weeks, and it was no surprise when Mr. Flanagan was picked.

He was Gov. Jennifer Granholm's public choice for the job, which indicates the governor has considerable influence on the board - which is not to indicate that Mr. Flanagan is not qualified for the post. All three finalists seemed to be.

But there's still the little detail of how much the job will pay. The board now will negotiate with Mr. Flanagan about such things as salary and length of contract. The outgoing superintendent was paid \$165,000 a year. What if they cannot agree?

It seems to me these matters such as pay and working conditions would be part of the selection process, and not an afterthought. Of course, that may be how it's usually done in real life, but this is politics.

Mr. Flanagan reportedly wants a five-year contract, which coincidentally would expire about the same time as Ms. Granholm's next term ends - if she wins reelection next year.

But if she does not win reelection in 2006, would the new governor then be stuck with her choice as head of arguably one of the state's largest and most important departments?

I do not argue with the result of this most recent exercise in picking a state school chief, but in my view the process is highly questionable.

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I SEE BY THE PAPERS Michigan state police are renewing the "click it or ticket" program to force drivers to use seat belts, which of course is to follow state law.

Reality and statistics both dictate that using seat belts reduces chances of being killed in a traffic accident, and I always click on my safety belt before I start to drive - usually while the car still is in the garage.

Safety belts do not eliminate deaths, of course, but they are a darned good idea, even though there are plenty of instances where seat belts may have caused or aggravated injuries, sometimes even traffic deaths.

However, the "click it or ticket" drive, in my opinion, is ill advised and perhaps violates the rights of drivers.

The campaign is based on

visual observation of enforcing officers. Police can stop any driver thought to be seat belt bare, and common sense tells me that what an officer thinks he/she may see inside someone else's car is a pretty flimsy excuse for stopping the driver or issuing a ticket.

The whole idea of personal safety enforced by law, in my mind, is a big stretch of legitimate legislative and policing powers. It's perfectly proper and advisable to urge the use of safety seat belts, but the choice should be left to the individual.

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I SEE BY THE PAPERS it's now legal in Michigan for diners to take home from restaurants a bottle of wine ordered but not fully consumed during a meal.

The legislature passed and the governor signed the so-called "Merlot-to-go" or wine doggy-

bag bill backed by most restaurants.

The restaurant must re-cork the partly-filled wine bottle, which then would be considered an open container of alcohol which under another state law would be illegal to carry within the vehicle but could be carted home in the car's trunk. I don't know where it would be legal in a SUV.

It's possible the new law could aid traffic safety. Diners who order a bottle of wine with dinner might be less inclined to drink the whole bottle at the restaurant if they can take the remainder home, thus possibly reducing alcohol influenced driving.

The new law also could encourage the purchase of more expensive wine because diners may be more inclined to spring for the expensive stuff if they don't have to waste any by leav-

ing it on the table or chug-a-lug it. One should never gulp fine wine.

The new law is not a big deal to me. Rarely do I drink wine with a restaurant meal, and very rarely - if ever - have I ordered an entire bottle of wine, unless there were six or eight persons in the dining party.

Besides, the type of wine I usually would drink comes with a screw cap instead of a cork, and I don't know if the new law provides for screwing the cap back on even if a fine restaurant would serve screw-top wine, which they probably don't.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

The Long Road to Better Highways

Highways laden with potholes. Bumper-to-bumper traffic on overcrowded streets. Large orange barrels and "detour" signs and roadway closures.

Sound familiar? Traffic congestion and weathered roads have become all-too-familiar to Michigan motorists, who end up with deteriorating cars and white knuckles. We need adequate federal funding to get our roads back in working order.

The Senate is currently considering a bill that provides federal funding for highways and bridges, highway safety initiatives, and transit programs.

Unfortunately, the bill maintains discriminatory funding formulas that require about 20 states, including Michigan - known as "donor" states - to send more gas tax dollars to the Highway Trust Fund in Washington than they receive in transportation infrastructure spending, while the remaining 20 states - known as "donee" states - receive more in transportation funding than they pay into the Highway Trust Fund.

This formula was developed in 1956, and for the past 50 years, those states that benefit from it have fought tenaciously to defend it.

For many years, I have worked with other members of the Michigan congressional delegation to fight for a fairer return on our state's highway dollars.

We have made some progress over the years - for instance, 25 years ago Michigan received about 75 cents out of every dollar we paid in federal gas taxes, and we've clawed our way to where

we now receive over 90 cents. I won't be satisfied until we get our full return.

I introduced a bill earlier this year with Republican Senator George Voinovich from Ohio that would increase the federal minimum guaranteed funding level, which would bring us one step closer to achieving fairness in the distribution of federal highway funding to states. At stake are tens of millions of dollars a year in additional funding for Michigan to pay for badly needed transportation improvements - as well as the jobs that go with it.

Last year, the Senate passed a highway bill that would have given Michigan about \$7.4 billion in highway funding over six years, which would produce about 100,000 new jobs. While it would not have fully corrected the inequities in funding formulas, it would have made some progress. The bill was never signed into law, however, because the President vowed to veto the Senate-passed bill, despite the fact that a strong, bipartisan majority approved the legislation.

The bill that the Senate is currently considering falls short of last year's effort. It provides fewer resources than the bipartisan bill that the Senate passed last year, and it fails to adequately raise the guaranteed rate of return to the states to 95 cents.

I'm going to fight for a fairer bill - along with Senators from other donor states - but we need the President to agree to support a bill that does not favor one group of states over another. We need a bill that is fair to everyone.

EDITOR

Music is too important to let fall by the wayside

To the editor:

A short time ago I had the privilege of hearing the Grayling High School Band perform at the MSBOA State Band Festival. The festival was hosted by the Grayling Public Schools. I was most impressed by the sight-reading qualification portion of the Grayling High School Band.

Throughout the year the band can be heard marching around town either practicing or performing in parades. It is uplifting to hear such high quality music from a band that hails from a small town.

This quality is a direct result of the hard work of the Band Boosters and volunteers, but the larger portion of the praise belongs to the director, Mr. Matthew Bishop.

In my many years as a professional musician, I have worked under many different conductors. Some were good, some were not so good and some were

great. I could not help but be impressed by the capabilities of Mr. Bishop that brought forth the high level of performance at Band Festival. In fact, Mr. Ted Smith, the most senior rater, said that the sight reading performance the band turned out was the best that he had heard in years. By my observation the students were definitely into what they were doing.

It saddens many throughout the Grayling community as well as Northern Michigan as a whole that the music program in Grayling Public Schools is suffering budget cuts. Middle school band is being reduced to every other day and the vocal program is being cut entirely.

Meanwhile, the sports programs are getting additional money.

While sports has its important place in a school curriculum, in the long run it can not match what a background in music provides.

Throughout the years I have performed with some great musicians that were in their eighties and nineties in age. I have yet to see a professional eight year old football, basketball or any other such person in a professional contact sport.

Music education lasts a lifetime.

Music education encourages creativity, self-esteem, discipline, team work and cultural awareness. In fact, Music Education is a core academic subject in the "No Child Left Behind Act."

Students with course work/experience in music performance score 52 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 37 points higher on the math portion than the students with no course work or experience in music. In total, music students score 89 points higher.

There should be no conflict between sports and the music program. Students should be allowed to fully participate in both without fear of any penalties. Cooperation in scheduling goes a long way in ensuring both programs are highly successful.

I remember the days when Jazz Band was not an extracurricular activity in most Northern Michigan Schools. String Programs have been eliminated in most all public schools. Instead of cutting these valuable Music Programs, school administrators should be looking to enhance and even build new and better programs. Programs complete with funding, staffing full school support. Music serves a person throughout their entire life. It is too important of a subject to ignore and let fall by the wayside.

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To the editor:

The letter in the last week's Avalanche about litter in the woods is very sad and unfortunately, very true. I too feel the anger when looking at the junk that is polluting the beauty of nature. It is also very depressing to live near people who make

their home a junkyard. We take pride in our property and home and keep it clean. The majority of the people in our subdivision also keep their property clean and well maintained. It is very depressing to have to pass by these eyesores every time we leave and then again when we

return home. We live on a private road and my husband and I periodically walk the road with a garbage bag and pick up the trash by the roadside. This, however, does not improve the property owners/renters who do not clean up their own property. Just take a ride down M-72E between town and Wakeley Bridge Road. It is known as the longest junkyard in Crawford County.

We have a recycling center in

Grayling Township and a junk

ordinance. One of the definitions of junk in the dictionary is "scrap materials that can be converted into something usable." Let's get our junk to the proper locations and make it usable again. This earth is supporting us, folks. We need this land, our woods and rivers to be clean and unpolluted. If not, we are only slowly destroying our future.

Mickie Meyers
Grayling

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I encourage your participation as we show our appreciation for their many accomplishments and

endeavors of excellence, and for the pride they have brought our school and community.

I know your presence will be greatly appreciated and heart-felt as they conclude their high school careers and we, as a community, come together to ask God's blessings on each of them as they pursue their personal goals and dreams.

Ron and Barb Larson
Grayling

Reader encourages participation in GHS Baccalaureate Ceremony

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Grayling High School Baccalaureate

Seniors, family and friends are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service honoring this year's senior class on Wednesday, June 1, in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 7 p.m. This tradition was planned by Grayling High School Seniors and assisted by local area pastors.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Memorial Day Services to be held

The American Legion Post 106 will conduct Memorial Day Services at Elmwood Cemetery on May 30 at 10 a.m.

Grant Deadline Announcement

The North Central Community Foundation (NCMCF) Common Grant deadline is June 30, 2005. This means grant applications must be sent to the NCMCF office, postmarked by June 30. Applications may request up to \$1,000 for their project. \$300 mini-grants are also available. Interested applicants should visit www.ncmcf.org to view requirements and to download an application packet or contact the NCMCF office at (877)354-6881. Applications should be sent to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI, 49707.

Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting at the American Legion Hall in Grayling on June 1 at 5:30 p.m. Installation of officers will be held and a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass.

Quilt and bake sale to be held

Cheerful Givers will be holding a quilt and bake sale on May 28 at the Lovells Township Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a craft and white elephant sale. Lunch available.

Eagles to hold fish fry

Starting in June the Eagles Fish Fry will be held on the first Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts to sponsor flower sale

Boy Scout Troop 995 will be sponsoring a flower sale, Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5 at the old Pizza Hut parking lot next to Cornell. We will be offering annuals, perennials, vegetables, hanging baskets and containers. For special orders call Joni at 348-4801.

Memorial dedication to be held

A Memorial Day dedication and service will be held on May 30 at 11 a.m. at the corner of Ogemaw and Chestnut streets (back of the middle school). Everyone is welcome.

Open house to be held for school retirees

The Crawford AuSable School District will be holding an open house in honor of their 2005 retirees: Loren Bass, Jeff Kolka, D.J. Brown, Dorothy Swafford, Rebecca Brown and June Savoie on Thursday, June 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, with a cash bar. At 6 p.m. golfing will be available for \$15 for 9 holes and a cart. Call for tee times, 348-5618.

Secretary of State offices to be closed for summer holidays

All branch offices of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during May, July, and September. Residents are reminded that on:

• Memorial Day - SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, May 28, and all offices will be closed on Monday, May 30.

• Independence Day - SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, July 2, and all offices will be closed on Monday, July 4.

• Labor Day - SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3, and all offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend,

can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plus offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Master Gardener and Lovells Librarian Anna Biernat will give a presentation on gardening at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26 to launch the project.

Graduates from the Master Gardener program are seeking volunteers who may not have their own land to garden, want to know what plants will grow in the Grayling area or who want make new friends with an outdoor interest to be involved with the project.

Lisa Burmeister, Cindy Cain, Sandra Moore and Bev O'Connor recently completed the Master Gardener program and are undertaking a volunteer project to plant flowers, vegetables, trees and bushes at the historical museum.

Gardening project launched

The Michigan State University Master Gardener program is launching an initiative on Thursday to spruce up the Crawford County Historical Museum's grounds.

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Huron Pines RC&D hosts meeting on completed projects

Highlighting the successes of public-private partnerships and the important projects they produce is the theme of the June 1 meeting hosted by the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council. The 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. gathering at the Holiday Inn in Grayling will include breakfast, details of several recently completed projects, presentation of new projects, and a feature presentation. Following the meeting, a walking tour will be conducted of a recently completed project at the Rayburn Steambank Project Site near Grayling.

This feature presentation, led by Restoration Ecologist Kris Bruestle, will present new concepts for shoreline and steambank erosion control - information useful for waterfront landowners, contractors and resource managers. The bioengineering approach described by Bruestle emphasizes the use of "soft engineering" and native plans to help reduce erosion, provide wildlife habitat and reduce polluted runoff.

"Utilizing natural materials and native vegetation in stream-

bank restoration projects costs less than traditional erosion control techniques while enhancing fish and wildlife habitat and maintaining the aesthetic beauty of the site," Bruestle notes.

Huron Pines is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that implements resource conservation and community projects through building local partnerships throughout Northeast Michigan. The organization is currently involved with programs such as helping communities manage stormwater runoff, land protection efforts, stream restoration, roadstream crossing improvement projects, invasive exotic species control, and working with landowners to improve habitat on private property. Funding for projects coordinated through Huron Pines comes from individual donations, local units of government, foundation support and government grants.

If you would like to attend this event or want more information please call (989) 348-9319 or send an email to info@huronpines.org.

The cost for the full breakfast at 9 a.m. is \$7.

Sport and Hobby Show to be held in Roscommon

On Saturday, June 18, there will be a Sport and Hobby Show held at the CRAF Center and surrounding area. On the Third Street side of the building, there will be antique cars, muscle cars, race cars, and some various motorcycles. The Fourth Street side of the building will feature boats, wave runners, ORV'S, and various recreational vehicles. In front of the CRAF Center there will be a tent set up to serve breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and a Bar-B-Que with all the fixings from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Also, on the front lawn there will be kid's games and during the day the County's biggest banana split, which will be 20 feet long, will be served.

The front lawn will also feature a Re-enactment Club setting up a camp site from the mid 1700's complete with full period costuming and weapons of that day. A concession stand will operate from the Gazebo serving pop, bottled water, and ice cream Sundaes.

Inside the CRAF Center there will be booth spaces featuring various sports and hobbies with various exhibitions and demonstrations on the hour, of sports and hobbies.

At the rear of the building an area will be set up to host an

open air meeting. Skipper Bettis, a widely known outdoorsman who owns and operates The Legend Ranch, will be the inspirational speaker. He will be giving away two weekend passes for two, for a photo safari at his ranch in Bitely, Michigan. Registration for this drawing will be prior to his scheduled speaking time which is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The drawing will be held immediately following and you must be present to win.

This show is being sponsored by area churches: The First Congregational Church, Good Shepherd United Methodist, The Racers Baptist, Roscommon Baptist, The Roscommon Free Methodist, and Soul's Harbor Worship Center. They will be selling badges for this event, both prior to and on site that day. The cost will be \$4 per person, and the badge allows entry into every area including the red and white tent for breakfast and the Bar-B-Que at 4 p.m.

Booth spaces are still available at no cost to the participants, and they are open to both private individuals and companies who would like to display or sell their hobbies and sporting goods. For more information, please contact Soul's Harbor Worship Center at (989) 275-5309.

Roscommon Steel Drum Band to perform June 8

The Roscommon Steel Drum Band will be performing at the Gazebo on the CRAF Center lawn in Roscommon June 8 at 7 p.m. The Roscommon Steel Band program was started in the fall of 2001 under the direction of Seth Kilbourn. There are three different groups that comprise the program. One is made up of students, parents and community members, another is made up of adults and the third is entirely Roscommon High School students.

During the past four years the Steel Drum band program has made some notable accomplishments. Two years ago the student band recorded their first album entitled "Reflections of a Chrome Turtle," which will be available after the concert. The following year, the student and parent group was recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards for academic excellence.

Each of these groups has a unique sound and flavor that sets them apart from each other. Last year all three groups took part in the annual Freedom Festival fundraiser at Jim and Laura Witt's barn. This year promises to be another great year for these steel drum bands.

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Free Cancer Screening For Women Ages 40 - 64

District Health Department #10 offers FREE Pap Smears, Pelvic Exams, Clinical Breast Exams, and Mammography for women who meet the following guidelines:

1. You are aged 40-64
2. You have limited or no insurance
3. Your income is limited, for example:
*1 person in family, annual income below \$23,975
*2 people in family, annual income below \$32,075

To find out if you qualify and to make an appointment, call your county health department:
Crawford: (989) 348-7800
Kalkaska: (989) 258-8669

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The Bible Speaks

Memorial Day

Some of you may remember the opening words of our Memorial Day column back in 1994: "As American heroes fight and die to defeat terrorist tyranny and bring freedom to enslaved people in the Middle East..." Many were unwilling to accept then or now this historical war. One big difference is the victory we have achieved in Afghanistan and also to a large measure in Iraq. Only by bringing freedom to the Middle East can we hope to live in freedom at home.

Because of our long history of war against global terrorism we repeat part of the information shared from Joseph Farah a year ago about how this war began at the birth of our nation. In 1784 while George Washington was president, our first Congress commissioned Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin to go to the Paris and attempt to open markets for U.S. products in Europe. Jefferson quickly understood the dangers facing our merchant ships.

While George Washington was serving as president in 1784, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin were commissioned by the first Congress to assemble in Paris to seek markets for U.S. products in Europe. Jefferson discovered that America's greatest threat to free trade came from a group known as the "Barbary pirates."

Jefferson understood that these were not just normal pirates. They

didn't drink, chase women, or seek wealth like other pirates, but were motivated strictly by their Islamic religion. Like the "terrorists" of today they engaged in jihad and called themselves "mujaheddin." Like the terrorists of today they did not hesitate to enslave and kill people to promote their cause. Like many Europeans of today, diplomacy was chosen over armed conflict when Americans chose to fight.

After researching the history of militant Islam, Jefferson discovered that European appeasement had only strengthened Islamists enabling them to break peace treaties as their strength increased. So as Farah said, "As the first secretary of state, Jefferson urged the building of a navy to rescue American hostages held in North Africa and to deter future attacks on U.S. ships. In 1792, he commissioned John Paul Jones to go to Algiers under the guise of diplomatic negotiations, but with the real intent of sizing up a future target for a naval attack." We would not appreciate tyranny.

Then as Farah said, America was struck with its first mega-terror attack by jihadists. In the fall of 1793, the Algerians seized 11 U.S. merchant ships and enslaved more than 100 Americans. When word of the attack reached New York, the stock market crashed. Voyages were canceled in every major port. Seamen were thrown out of work. Ship suppliers went out of business. "What Sept. 11 did to the U.S. economy in 2001, the mass

shipjacking of 1793 did to the fledgling U.S. economy in that year." Now, as then, Americans pay a terrible price in human blood to remain free.

So in 1805 Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and the U.S. Marines marched across 600 miles of North Africa's Libyan desert to storm the fortified Tripolitan City of Derma. As the U.S. Marine Hymn still reminds us: "From the halls of Montezuma, To the shores of Tripoli, We fight our country's battles. In the air, on land, and sea. First to fight for right and freedom, And to keep our honor clean, We are proud to claim the title Of United States Marines." The threats of Islamic terrorists gave birth to our first U.S. Navy and are still making America the greatest military force on earth. History reminds us why we are still hated and called "the Great Satan." We can only ignore 200 years of history at our own peril!

We are promised in Psalm 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." May we pray this Memorial Day for our brave heroes who are still fighting and dying to free the poor enslaved Muslim masses and to keep our country "the land of the free and the home of the brave," Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and the opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Sajdak, Rach engaged



Ashley Sajdak and Daniel Rach

Mark and Lori Hoerauf, of Higgins Lake, and Randy and Kathleen Sajdak, of Frederic, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Sajdak, to

Daniel Rach, son of James and Higgins Lake, and Randy and Kathleen Sajdak, of Frederic. An August 6, 2005 wedding is planned at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled, beginning May 26 - June 1, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard: May 26, May 31 and June 1.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR, telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for June:

Immunization clinics: June 1 and 15, by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: June 7 and 21. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC Clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children:

June 6, 9, 13, 17, 20, 23, 27, and 30. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839/Health Education.

Breast and cervical cancer Screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled June 14 in Grayling. Call 1-800-968-7300 for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings:

This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are being held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling on June 10.

For an appointment call (989) 348-7800.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 27 - Lunch - swedish meatballs, asparagus, dinner - meatloaf, peas with

peaches, carifruit salad. No dinner. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hot Dog Sale at Glen's Market; 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, May 31 - Lunch - BBQ chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, pears. Dinner - meatloaf, peas with

pearl onions, melon balls, corn bread, pudding. 10 a.m. Tenant Council Meeting; 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

HOMETOWN NEWS



Denise Grass

Denise Grass graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing on May 21, 2005. She is the daughter of Joseph and Donna Grass of Luzerne and Glenda and Fred Wendt of Grayling.

BIRTHS

Miranda and Rodney Silk, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Olivia Jane, born at Mercy Hospital on May 6, 2005, weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs. and measuring 21 inches long.

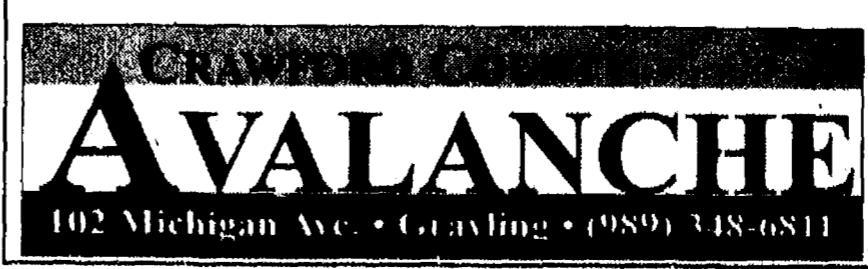
Kimberly S. and Paul M. Kanary, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Emily Kaye, born at Mercy Hospital on May 7, 2005, weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs. and measuring 20.25 inches long.

Ronda and Ron Rakoczy announce the arrival of their daughter, Sophie Marcella, born on April 29, 2005, weighing 7 lbs and measuring 21.5 inches long.

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OBITUARIES

Cymbria Schoen

Oct. 11, 1939 - May 22, 2005
Cymbria "Sam" Schoen, 65, of Beaver Creek Township, died May 22, 2005.

Sam was born on October 11, 1939, to William (H.B.) and Alice Scherping, in Houghton Lake Heights.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grayling. She served in the prison ministry of the church, and was active in the Eagles as Chaplain and past officer. She also volunteered at the River House Shelter.

She is survived by son, John (Mary) Shutt, of Holt; step-children: John E. Schoen, of Rochester; Charles L. (Julie) Schoen, and Francis "Frank" A. Schoen, both of Grayling; Patricia A. Holland, of Tennessee; Susan K. Schoen-Ferriss, of Clinton Township; Laurie C. Schaum, of Marshall; Joanie Van Zante, and William D. Shearer, Jr.; brother, Leo (Marion) Scherping, of Sierra Vista, Arizona; grandchildren: Jason Schoen, Joshua Schoen, Justin Schoen, David Schaum, Mitchell Ferriss, Andrew Shutt, Peter Shutt, William D. Shearer III, Arienne Holland, Natalie Holland, Allison Schoen, Melissa Ferriss, Katherine Schaum, Christine Schaum, Jennifer Wilson, Nicole Wolfe, and Amanda Parker; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Schoen was preceded in death by previous husbands, William Shearer and Larry Schoen; and step daughter, Nancy Van Lander.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 11 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Hall on Noway Street in Grayling, with Father Robert Nalley officiating. Family suggests that memorial donations be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or River House Shelter in Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Wilma M. LaGrow

Sept. 25, 1914 - May 21, 2005
Wilma M. LaGrow, 90, of Roscommon, died May 21, 2005, at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center, Roscommon.

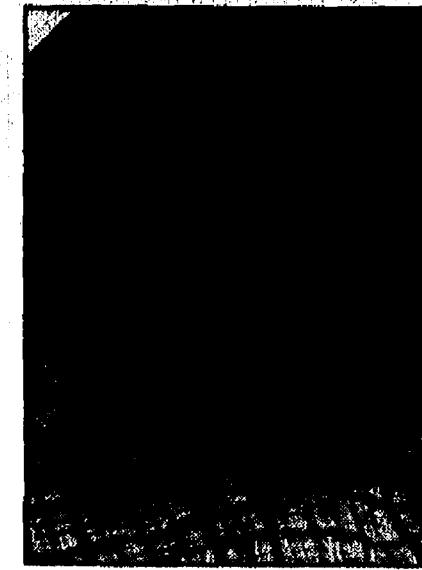
Wilma was born in Grayling on September 25, 1914, to Arnold and Cora Burrows. On October 6, 1934, she married Wesley L. LaGrow at St. Mary's Church in Grayling, where she was a member. Five years ago she left Grayling to reside at Hilltop Manor in Roscommon.

She is survived by her children: Cora Ann Waldron, of Burt Lake; Margaret (James) Peterson, of Hartford; Lawrence (Carol) LaGrow, of Alma; Janet (Richard Carew) LaGrow, of Lansing; Steven (Susan) LaGrow, of N. Palmerston, New Zealand; sister Ruth Elizabeth (William) Moore, of Grayling; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wesley J. LaGrow; son in law, James Waldron; grandson, Wesley Joseph Peterson; great-grandson, Wesley Joseph Henry; and brother, Myron Burrows.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Interment will take place at Elmwood Cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Grayling High School Alumni General Scholarship Fund or to the Hilltop Manor Health Care Center Activities Fund.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon.



Shirley Jean Perry

June 13, 1934 - May 20, 2005
Shirley Jean Perry, 70, of Grayling, died May 20, 2005, at Mercy Hospital of Grayling.

Shirley was born to Charles and Ida Ruth (Downer) Heacock on June 13, 1934, in Royal Oak. On August 26, 1981, she married Robert Paul Albert in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Shirley moved full-time to Grayling in 2001 after living part-time since 1981. For 24 years, Shirley and her husband co-owned and operated Pauland, Inc., a machine shop in Grayling. She was a member of the Roscommon Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Albert of Grayling; children: James Fortune of Pontiac, Leslie (Charles) Perry of Romeo, Mary A. (Timothy) Morgan of Sterling Heights, Paul Thomas (Maria) Perry of Clinton Township; grandchildren: Heather Ann Pailing of Sterling Heights, Anthony Paul and Andrew Perry, both of Clinton Township; brothers: Charles (Linda) Heacock of California, Ed Heacock of Bay City, John Clark (Margaret) Heacock of Dryden, Jack (Lue) Heacock of Attica Township, and Patrick (Jeanette) Heacock of Johanasburg.

Mrs. Perry was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Herman Leslie Perry (1980).

Services were held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon with Pastor Michael Heacock officiating. Family suggests that memorial donations go to Roscommon Baptist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon.

Judy C. Grewe

Judy C. Grewe, 63, of Roscommon, died May 19, 2005.

She is survived by her husband, Leslie, and sons: Brian, Bruce and Carey.

Arrangements by Rewalt Funeral Home in Richmond.

Beulah Pepsin

Feb. 18, 1923 - May 20, 2005
Beulah Pepsin, 82, of Grayling, died May 20, 2005, in Grayling.

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One traffic accident, two private property accidents, five civil infraction citations, three city ordinance violations, two assault complaints, one larceny complaint, five assist other departments, two civil complaints, two misdemeanor arrests, four alarm complaints, one illegal drug complaint, five juvenile complaints, four disturbing the peace complaints and three unclassified complaints.

Services were held at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 11 a.m. with Reverend Elizabeth Chace officiating. Donations go to St. Francis Episcopal Church in honor of Raymond Elsey.

Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Keith Amos Labo

Feb. 15, 1928 - May 20, 2005
Keith Amos Labo, 77, of Lake City, died May 20, 2005, in Grayling.

Keith was born to Allen and Jennie Labo on February 15, 1928, in Flint. He married Carol Bindschatel on January 17, 1981, in Frederic.

He served in the U.S. Army and earned his wings with the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Keith owned and operated K & L Upholstery after retiring from the Fisher Body Plant of Lansing in 1977. He was an employee of Foster's Market in Lake City and a member of the Grayling Baptist Church.

He is survived by sons: Allen (Laura) Labo Sr. and Bennie (Debbie) Labo Sr., both of Grayling; daughters: Bonnie (Patrick) Labo-Dewitt, of Billings, Montana; Linda (Daniel) Labo-Starks, of Grayling; Mary West, of Morrestown; brother, Gary (Verna) Wixon, of Lansing; sisters: Joyce (Gary) Younglove, of Dewitt; Elizabeth (Raymond) Seeley, of Holt; Maxine Smith and Arlene Fulton, both of Lansing; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Armstrong was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald and Norma Armstrong; and brother, Grant E. Armstrong. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, May 26, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Calling was Wednesday, May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial is at Catholic Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 429 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 201, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

James G. Armstrong

James G. Armstrong, 54, died May 20, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

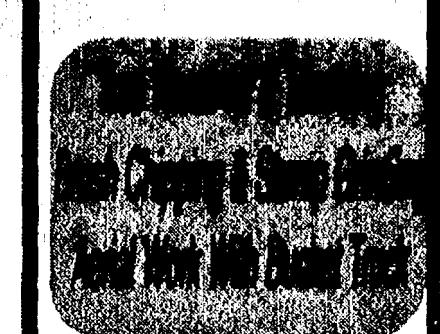
James was a driver with Transservice, and was previously employed with North American Van Lines. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam Era Veteran and was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anne M. (Urbine) Armstrong, of Fort Wayne; son, Matthew (Stacy) Leach, of Kalkaska; step-daughters: Maria Junk, of Fort Wayne; Andrea (Patrick) Thomas, of San Diego, California; brother, Ronald F. (Linda) Armstrong Jr., of Gaylord; sister, Sharalyn (Jim) Beedle, of Kalamazoo; Godmother, Kim DaFreese, of Elkhart; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

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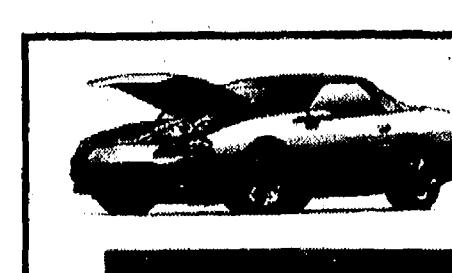
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Online Auction House affords sellers a world of opportunity

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

If you're one of the many Americans who would like to make money by selling something on ebay, but are intimidated by the fast paced world of online auctions, fear no longer. Your time has come, thanks to the Online Auction House, a new business in Grayling that serves as a middle man for selling items online.

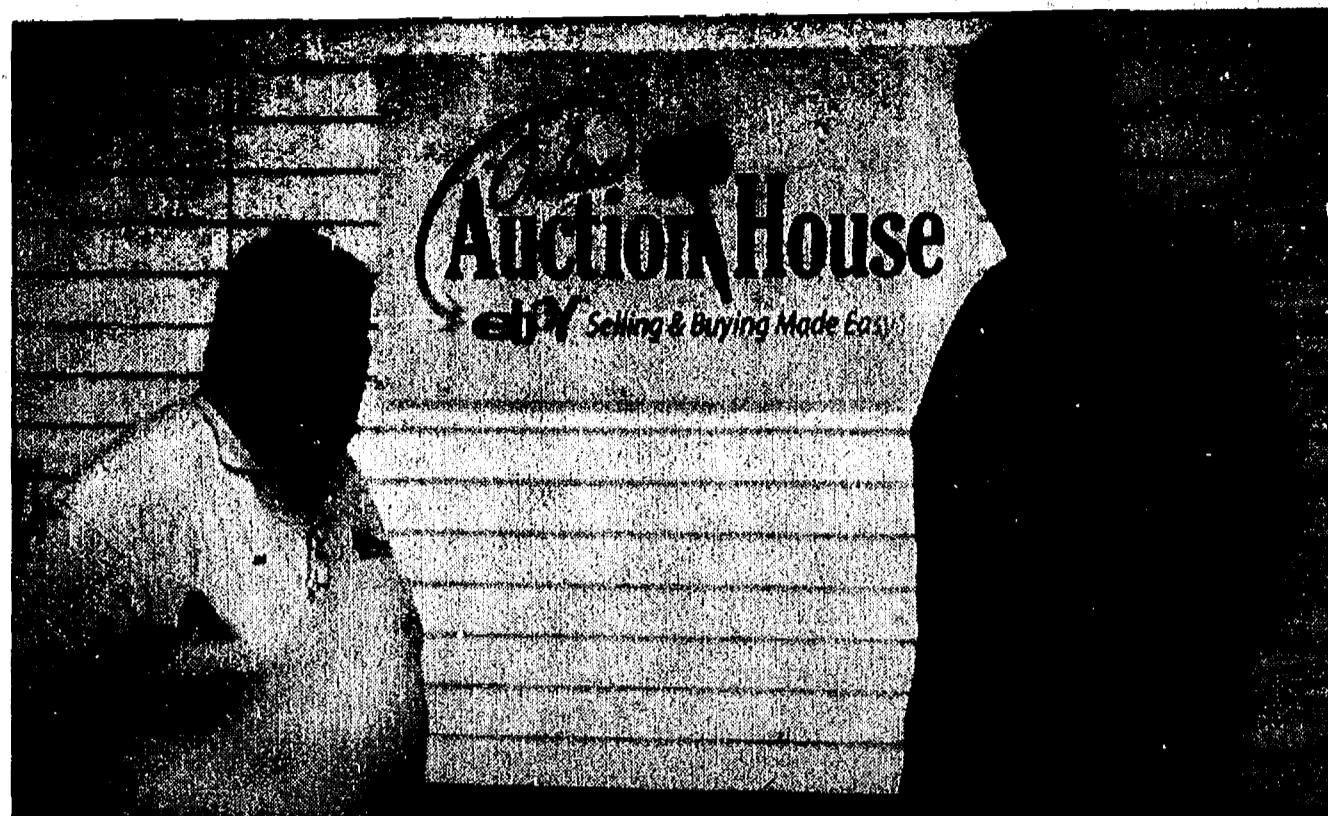
"It's a wide open market," said Brad Summers, owner of the Online Auction House. The business is located on 6211 West M-72, in the former home of DXR Computers. It opened its doors on May 16.

"There's no end to something someone can pick up and see value in," said Jim Dikin, store manager. As an example, he cited a pair of Levi jeans for which bidders are currently offering over \$26,000.

For anyone who wants to get in on this kind of action, the Online Auction House promises to offer a convenient and smart solution. First, clients drop off any item that they wish to sell at the business. Although the staff does not do formal appraisals, they will help give customers an idea of about how much money an item should fetch online.

"This is just an opportunity for people to get cash that will otherwise go in the dumpster," said Dikin.

If after determining the approximate online value of an item the customer chooses to sell, the staff will work with the client to create a complete description of the product. This



Online Auction House manager Jim Dikin (left) stands with owner Brad Summers. Their business is the only one of its kind in the area, with the second nearest being in Traverse City.

description includes any information about the item that should hopefully make it attractive to buyers. Of course, in the constantly changing world of online auctions, this can be hard to do.

"It's not always what we do, but also what the market is. It depends on timing and there's a lot of factors," said Dikin. Still, having one's item professionally packaged and photographed gives patrons to this business an edge that even many experienced ebay users do not have.

Once the item is posted online, the client will be notified via e-mail and will have the option to follow the auction from his or her home computer. According to Summers, this process will afford clients opportunities that are simply impossible through

any other buying and selling outlet. Ebay has 125 million registered members, with about 2 million items offered for sale everyday.

"Ebay is one of the best tools available," said Dikin. Every minute, seven new people register to shop the website, and in that same minute, over 500 bids are placed. Sellers are not afforded better exposure anywhere else in the world.

After the auction is complete, Online Auction House staff handles all the paperwork involved with finalizing the sale. They also ship the item to the buyer. All the client has to do is wait for a check in the mail. Summers and Dikin go to great lengths to ensure that the entire process is unobtrusive to the client as

possible.

"Most people don't have the time," said Summers. In fact, the ability to save time for busy people is one of the main aspects of the business that Summers expects to be attractive to potential clients.

The Online Auction House claims a cut of each purchase based on a sliding scale commission. The higher the sale, the lower the commission. Any item sold must be valued at \$25 or more, but, if an item does not sell, there is no charge.

There are certain things that the Online Auction House will not sell, such as firearms and items that are banned for sale on ebay. These items aside, they will sell anything from cars to Beanie Babies.

Patti's Towne House opens under new ownership

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Patti's Towne House, located

on I-75 Business Loop next to the Days Inn, reopened under new management Monday. The

new owners are taking the restaurant in a new direction.

"It's more of a lodge type setting than just a traditional restaurant," said Carol Carney, who is co-owner of the restaurant with her husband, Dan. The restaurant has been completely remodeled on the inside and out, with the new owners aiming to create a family dining atmosphere.

"They've done just a phenomenal job," said Carney of Maple Ridge Construction, the business that was hired to do the remodeling work. Just a few structural changes to the restaurant and surrounding property include a log front, new sidewalks, newly paved parking lot and new windows and lighting.

"Everything that we've done has really brightened up the inside of the restaurant," said Carney. Perhaps the most noticeable style changes to the interior are the various paintings and murals on display. These massive paintings are the product of local artists Dean Worden and Kim Diment.

"I think it's going to be very relaxing and comfortable for our customers," said Carney. The owners plan to expand on the catering aspect of the restaurant, bring their food to large gatherings throughout the county.

"We've actually lowered some of the prices on the menu," said Carney. Such changes include the addition of white fish and perch. Additional changes are

currently under consideration.

"Probably in another month or two we'll know what people are asking for and what they would like to see," said Carney.

The restaurant will continue to phase in additional changes, including a name change. The bar area has already been dubbed "The Moose Pub," although that is not necessarily an indication of the name that will be selected for the entire restaurant.

Carol and Dan purchased Patti's Towne House from the previous owners on May 1 after looking into buying a business in the area for a year. They moved to Grayling from Phoenix, Arizona.

"We came here because it's a smaller town. It just seemed like we wanted to be involved with the community and this was the way to do it," said Carney. Their presence has already been noticed by the Rotary Club, which hosts meetings at the restaurant every Wednesday. It may become a meeting place for other organizations in the future.

"If another organization were to approach us, we'd do our best to accommodate them," said Carney.

"I just really appreciate everyone's patience in the community. Everyone has been very helpful, very supportive. It means a lot to us, especially when you come from a city the size of Phoenix, where not too many people care," said Carney.



Restaurant owners Dan and Carol Carney sit at a table in their restaurant in front of a mural by Dean Worden. Patti's Towne House reopened this week.

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Kids follow a robotic ambulance in front of Mercy Hospital's workstation at this year's Junior Deputy Rodeo Day. This year, the sheriff's department also sported a robot.

Junior Deputy Rodeo Day teaches safety and adds new twists

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Another generation of fourth graders is more prepared to effectively deal with emergency situations, due to training afforded by the 2005 Junior Deputy Program, hosted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The program culminated with the Junior Deputy Rodeo Day last Friday at the Elementary school from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"We teach fourth graders all about how to handle emergencies," said officer Bill Bonkowski, program coordinator. Officials from the sheriff's department hosted classroom training programs every Friday starting the second week of February. At the final program, kids got a hands on sample of what they learned in the classroom.

"It gives these kids a little bit of training...these kids have more confidence in themselves when it comes to handling these situations," said Bonkowski. Activities were hosted by various emergency departments, including the fire department, the

National Guard, the sheriff's department and the DNR.

"It introduces the kids to a lot of the emergency personnel," said Bonkowski. Bonkowski pointed out that if kids are familiar with emergency personnel from the community, they will be less afraid and quicker to cooperate in a real emergency. The program also helps make kids aware of what emergency and safety related services are available in the county.

The sheriff's department has hosted the Junior Deputy Program since 1977. The instructional course is so comprehensive that it includes material that is specific to Northern Michigan lifestyles.

"A lot of the (fourth grade) kids are starting to become interested in hunting and fishing," said Bonkowski.

DNR officers discussed official hunting and fishing regulations with students over the course of the program.

"They know what to do and how to handle it," said Bonkowski. Of course, learning isn't all about instruction. There

was plenty of fun to be had at the Rodeo Day, where kids could be found exploring police cars, navigating a simulated burning building and climbing on military vehicles under the supervision of National Guard officers.

Junior Deputy members were divided into groups of four or five and filled out a workbook as they completed activities at the various stations. Accompanying the 135 fourth graders on their exploratory mission was a very special guest.

This year's Junior Deputy Rodeo marked the first public appearance of the sheriff's department's yet unnamed robot helper. This mechanical police officer, who was acquired by the department just two days before the event, doesn't even have a proper uniform yet.

"We're going to get him all dressed up and ready to go," said Bonkowski. The robot will receive a name and a uniform sometime this week; shortly before its official public unveiling.

Even though it was the robot's first day on the job, he did not

fail to impress, with realistic head movements and two way voice communication. He even drove his own patrol vehicle. The robot is likely to be a part of Junior Deputy Rodeo events for years to come.

The robot was not the only new addition to the program. This year, tobacco awareness was included in Junior Deputy training.

"At the fourth grade level, some kids have been offered cigarettes at this point," said Bonkowski. Sgt. Roberta Williams, from the National Guard's Office of Drug Control Policy, provided instruction relating to the prevention of tobacco use. This sort of training preludes the D.A.R.E. program, which begins in the fifth grade.

The Junior Deputy graduation ceremony is to be held this Thursday at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Elementary school. Graduates will receive a certificate of course completion, a badge, a patch and will be officially sworn in as Junior Deputies. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will preside over the event.

Bike rodeo sees best weather in years

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The sheriff's department annual bike rodeo, with the Rotary Club once again serving as its major sponsor, took place on Saturday, May 21 with the best weather and turnout in years.

"This is the first really good year we've had in a long time," said Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. It was a warm and sunny day, with 104 kids from grades K-5 participating at the elementary school parking lot.

"It's just good, clean fun,"

added Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs. As per tradition, there was an obstacle course where kids could test their skills and learn bicycle safety. The Bicycle Shop employees donated their time to provide free tune-ups.

Once again, the Rotary Club provided helmets for every participant at the free event, ensuring that kids would be riding safely long after the day's activities were over.

"The kids are our future...that's the deal and we've got to take care of them," said

Wakefield. In the eight years that the event has run, the Rotary Club has donated over 600 helmets. Participating adults were sure to present a good influence.

"(The kids) see the adults out here wearing helmets," said Kraycs. Learning how to be a safe and smart cyclist was the important lesson of the day.

"When kids see a red stop sign they know not to blast on through," said Wakefield. In the end, the adult volunteers may have had just as much fun as the participating kids.



A local kid navigates the obstacle course that was set up in the elementary school parking lot. "It's about making the kids safe," said Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

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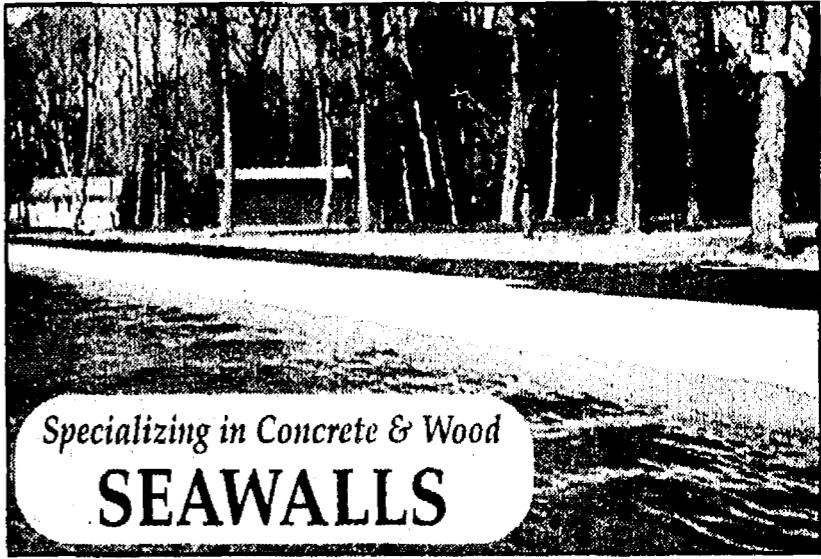
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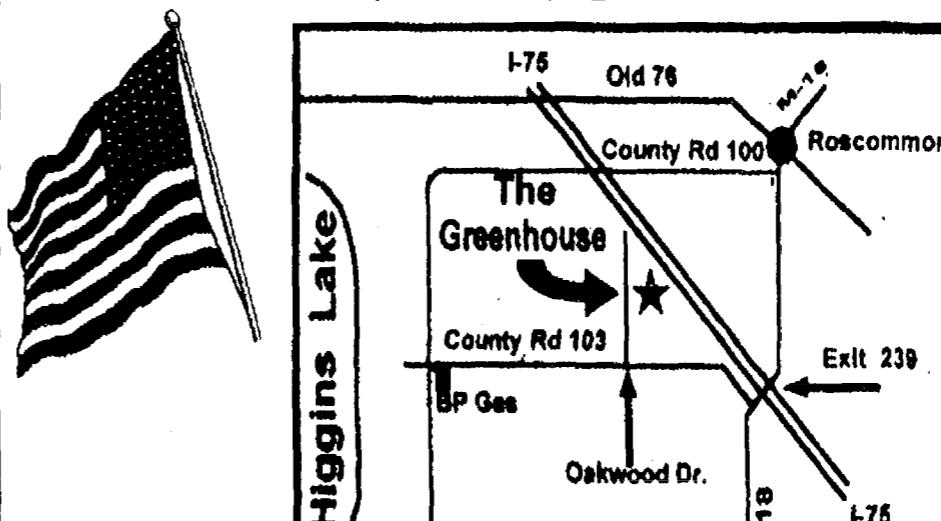
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Mentors sought for Grayling area youth

The Crawford County Michigan State University Extension has been busy in the last eight months developing, promoting and maintaining the new 4H-Mentoring program.

The 4H-Life's Better With a Mentor program pairs one adult with one to four children from the Grayling Middle School.

A mentoring relationship is one in which a caring adult friend devotes time to a young person. Mentors understand they are not meant to replace the role of a parent, guardian or teacher. A mentor's main purpose is to help a young person define and achieve his or her own goals. By sharing fun activities and exposing a youth to new experiences, a mentor encourages positive choices, promotes high self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces the child to new ideas. Mentoring programs focus on building healthy relationships between adults and children in the community.

Was it mentioned that mentoring is fun? The students in the program have had several opportunities to partake in group activities such as: Painting flowerpots and eating fireplace s'mores with retired teacher, Lillian Smith, attending the Chemistry Fun Day at Kirtland Community College and bowling for prizes at the 4H-Mentoring Bowling Party. Individually, mentors and mentees spend their one hour a week doing things like: going to the library, taking walks, playing computer games, scrapbooking,

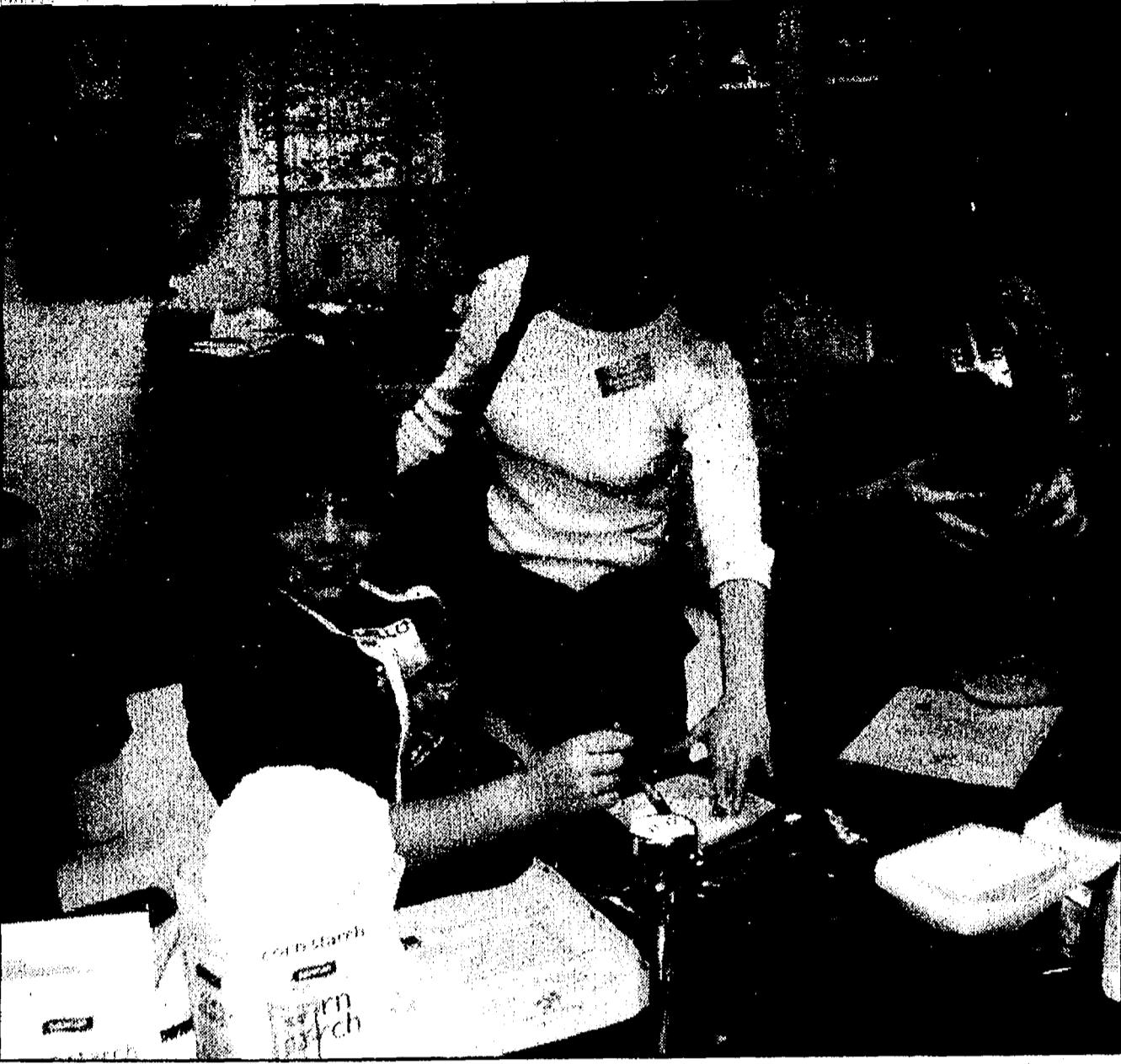


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Clare Sussex, the coordinator for the 4H-Life's Better With a Mentor program, and a group of youngsters recently attended the Chemistry Fun Day at Kirtland Community College.

working on homework, shooting hoops at the Grayling Middle School, and much more.

Would you like to become a volunteer youth mentor? Crawford County MSU Extension offers mentor training, support, and supervision throughout your time with the

child you are mentoring. It is a great chance to become involved in your community and promote healthy youth development. According to Ron Joyce, a current mentor, "It gives you an opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life."

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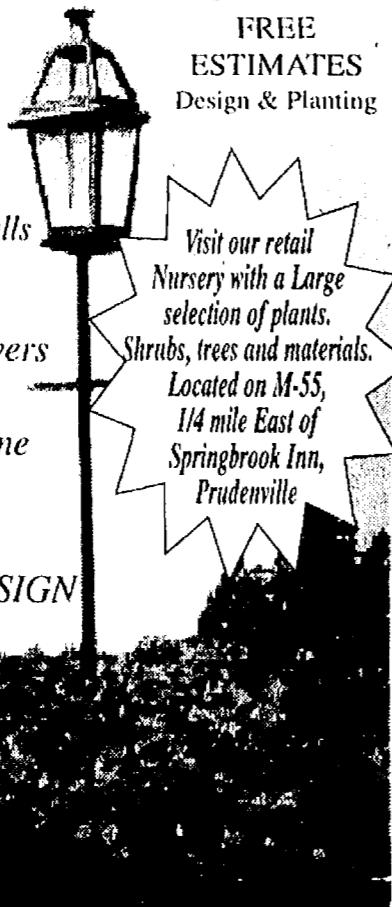
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Final mass held at St. Mary's Church



Fr. Robert Nalley (left) stands with Walter Galvani after the final mass in the St. Mary's building last Wednesday. The parish now holds mass in the Knights of Columbus hall. Galvani served the last mass after first becoming an altar boy at the parish in 1940. Galvani believes the change is necessary. "If you have a bigger family and the house isn't big enough, you eventually build on," said Galvani.

Photo courtesy of Steve Seager

Appraisals raise funds for youth programs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

About three dozen Grayling area residents learned if they had any hidden treasures in their homes.

The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries held its first Antique Appraisal Fair at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday

Rose and Carl Hatfield, the owners of Potbelly Antiques, Roger Martin, a coin dealer and sports card expert, and Jon and Cynthia Williams, appraisers of advertising memorabilia, toys and fishing equipment, were on hand to appraise items people brought to the library.

Lorrie Pelka found out that she had a bamboo fly fishing rod and reel worth over \$200 that her husband was going to sell at a weekend garage sale.

"It was well worth it," Lorrie Pelka said. "I may leave and come back with a few more things."

Dennis Myers, a Friends of the Crawford County Libraries member, had a plate from the Pfeiffer Brewing Co. Detroit and a Swiss Army knife appraised.

"Most of it's just curiosity - just to find out," Myers said

Marlene Brown brought a cast iron car which was made in 1910 that belonged to her father to the Antique Appraisal Fair which she found was worth about \$75.

"It's fun to know if you've got something that's worth anything," Brown said.

Some items brought in could not be identified by the appraisers, while a wooden handmade rocking horse was valued between \$750 and \$1,000.

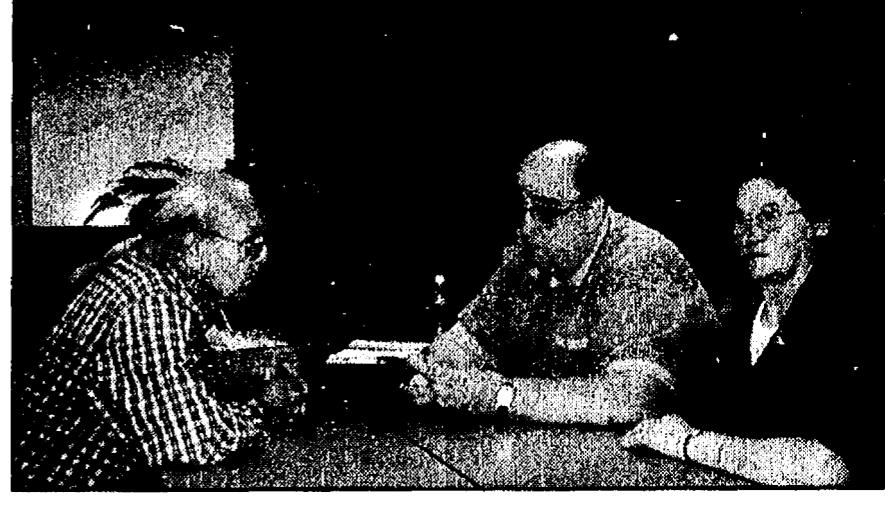


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Dennis Myers, a Friends of the Crawford County Libraries member, had Rose and Carl Hatfield of Potbelly Antiques, look over a couple items.

Dale Clyma, president of the Friends of Crawford County Libraries, said \$265 was raised, which will go to fund children's programs.

Clyma said the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries plan to have the appraisers each fall and in the early spring.

"We trying to do a number of smaller things to raise funds that are a lot of fun and are more useful to the community," Clyma said.

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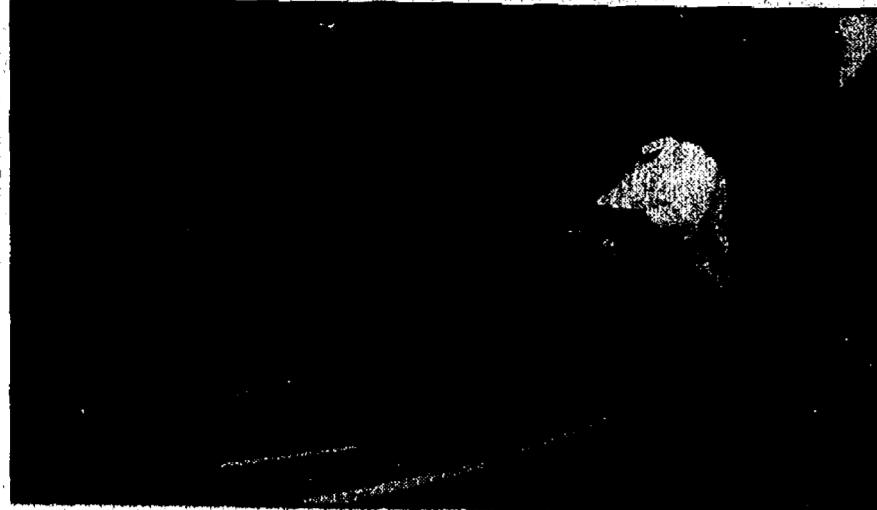
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Mike Wieland, now retired, fishes from his AuSable river boat in a photo taken during his days as a river guide in the 1980s. "It was a lot of work but it was a lot of fun," said Wieland.



Photos courtesy of Mike Wieland  
Mike Wieland (left) guides a client down the AuSable. "You've got to enjoy the river and enjoy being out and enjoy the people," said Wieland.

## AuSable River guiding is part of grand Northern Michigan tradition

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

In a county that thrives on the fishing and tourism industries, the life of the AuSable River guide is perhaps the occupation that best combines both. Since the 1800's, these guides have been a part of a grand Northern Michigan tradition. Today, river guiding is as popular as ever, with some changes and other things remaining exactly the same.

"It's a blast. Actually, it's probably one of the best kept secrets," said Ron Rakoczy, a part time river guide who is a teacher at Grayling High School during the off season. An AuSable River guide is an experienced fly fisherman who is hired by clients to lead them on half day or full day fishing trips, usually on AuSable river boats.

"It all revolves around the prime time feeding activity of the trout. You want to take the client out when the fishing's best," said Rakoczy. The river guide season spans the spring, summer and fall. It begins and ends based on the activity of trout, fly hatches and client interest.

Not that client interest is really low. AuSable river guiding is big business; with half day trips usually costing over \$200 and full days trips over \$300. Full time guides host anywhere from about 120 to 160 trips a year, which equals a lot of money pumped into the local economy and a lot of out-of-town fishermen and their families spending time and money in Grayling. Guides are so busy that, during the peak of the season, they will lead floats every day of the week.

"It's almost impossible to find a guide in the month of June," said Rakoczy. Guides are booked months or sometimes years in advance, usually by wealthy enthusiasts from lower Michigan who are looking to capture the AuSable fishing experience.

"It's sort of a yuppie thing now

instead of the good 'ol boys club," said Mike Wieland, a retired river guide. Regardless of where the client comes from, he or she expects a satisfying experience for the money. Since these paying customers are hardly ever complete novices to the sport of fly fishing, guides must be experts on the various aspects of fishing the AuSable to be successful.

"Know the water...know the hatches. Know how to work a boat," said Charley Weaver, who has been a full time guide for twenty years. Guides must know how wildlife and environmental conditions affect the fishing conditions.

"Most fly fishermen are amateur biologists," said Wieland. Rakoczy added that patience and the ability to work with people is also essential, such as when "somebody is having a hard time casting and the fly is whizzing over your head more often than you would like." Guides do what they can to help clients improve.

"There's a lot of instruction. I didn't give up teaching," said Weaver, who was a school teacher before becoming a full time river guide.

"There are people that fish their entire life and they never put a two foot trout on the boat," said

Wieland. Clients are hoping this instruction will pay off, as many pay for the tours in hopes that they will find a huge trophy fish. There is no guarantee that the client will find success in this endeavor, but, as Rakoczy put it, "at home you're definitely not going to catch anything." Nevertheless, a guided trip can be worth the time even if nobody catches any fish.

"This is just a ton of fun just being out here experiencing these rivers," said Rakoczy. In fact, some clients pay for the trip solely to enjoy the sights and sounds along the way.

"It's not just the fishing. It's all the things along the bank. People don't realize how much animal life there is along that river," said Wieland. Of course, with more and more people taking advantage of the river over the last two decades, the river is not as quiet as it used to be. The continuing development of riverside property has also changed the river guide experience.

"It's changed a lot of the serenity of the night out there," said Wieland. The river itself is also a different place today.

"The river's gotten busier...that just means you've got to share it more. It's an etiquette thing," said Weaver. When recreational river

users approach a river boat, it is polite to ask which side to pass on and to move by as quickly and quietly as possible. Of course, river guides are expected to respect other AuSable River enthusiasts as well.

"I don't care how people float down the river as long as they're enjoying it and appreciating it," said Wieland. Ultimately, appreciation of this resource is what river guiding is all about.

"I'd like to be out there every day," said Rakoczy. "The people that you meet in this line of work...they're great. They're just awesome people."



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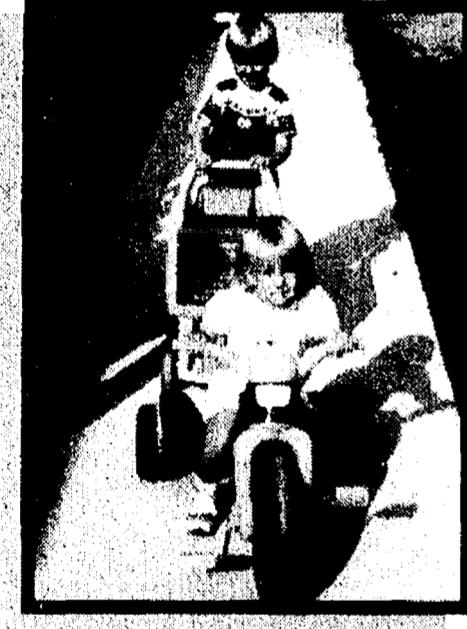
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# Hatchery, farm park, and museum open this weekend

Three local historic attractions — Wellington Farm Park, the Crawford County Historical Museum, and the Grayling Fish Hatchery — all open for the season Memorial Day weekend.

**Grayling Fish Hatchery** — Most Fish Hatchery visitors enjoy tossing food to the thousands of brook, brown and rainbow trout that range from minnow-sized to 28 inches long. The fish live and grow in the 11 raceways at the hatchery, located on the East Branch of the AuSable River.

A lot of people like to catch their dinner out of the Fish Out Pond. Fishing poles are available for use.

The Fish Hatchery was started by the Grayling Fish Hatchery Club, formed by Rasmus Hanson in 1916. The club was one of the first groups in Michigan to recognize the need to reinforce natural trout reproduction in streams by hatching and rearing fish in protected ponds. The group was dedicated to supplying area streams with as many trout as possible.

After being sold to the State of Michigan in 1926, the hatchery remained in operation until the 1960's. It was then abandoned and lay dormant until around 1979 when local sportsmen and historians learned the DNR planned to fill in the ponds and efforts to reopen the landmark began. Currently, a major renovation project is in the works to create a museum at the site.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery is open every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for kids up to 17 years. Kids under the age of five are free. A daily family pass is available for \$6. Season passes are \$15 per family, \$10 per couple, and \$5 for senior citizens.

The hatchery is located just off I-75 at the North Down River Road exit.

**Crawford County Historical Museum** — Crawford County boasts one of the best local historical museums in the state of Michigan. A vast amount of memorabilia is on display, featuring life the way it used to be for lumberjacks, railroad workers, farmers, soldiers, hunters, fishermen and early settlers as we grew from humble beginnings in the early 1870s.

The Crawford County Historical Museum complex is located on Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling. The main structure of the five-building facility is the former Michigan Central Depot, which was historically restored and put back into use in 1985.

The museum also has a railroad caboose, a military annex, a farm shed, a trapper's cabin and a firefighters' building, complete with old-time equipment, on the grounds.

The depot building contains two floors of exhibits featuring photos, artifacts, and stories of yesteryear in Crawford County.

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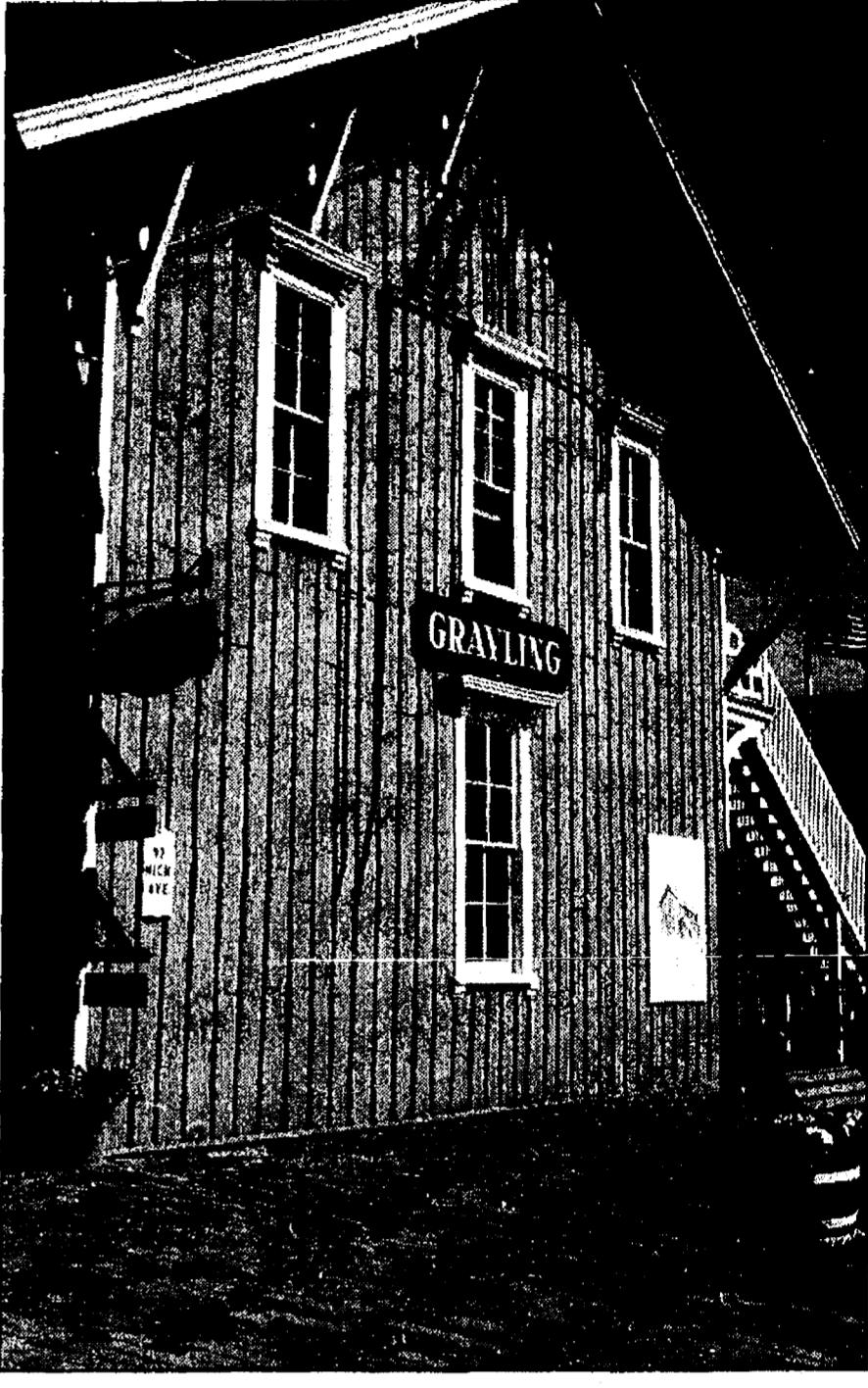
Crawford County's lumbering era and long history with the AuSable and Manistee Rivers attract visitors to the museum from all over the world.

The museum's biggest event of the summer, the 8th Annual Heritage Days, is scheduled for July 2-4. The event will feature arts and crafts and a variety of historically-themed presentations and activities.

The museum, located at 97 E. Michigan Avenue, can be reached at (989) 348-4461. Museum hours for 2005 are: Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for May, June, August, September. Hours for July only: Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Wellington Farm Park** — Wellington Farm Park is a unique 60-acre living history museum dedicated to the preservation of a once-thriving agricultural community and rural life during the Great Depression. The farm is open seven days a week and is fully staffed with interpreters Wednesday through Sunday.

Visitors to the living history farm can plan on seeing bygone days come to life as everything at Wellington is done as if it were 1932. Activities are determined by the time of year and the weather, as WFP is a fully working farm. In addition to normal farming activities, visitors are welcome to browse through the Blacksmith Shop or Carpenter Shop. In between is the Sawmill and just across the way is the Grist Mill. On down the path is the Machine Shed, the Barnyard (complete with animals that are always looking



Crawford County Historical Museum

for a hand-out), and the octagon barn, which is currently under construction.

WFP also features a Summer Kitchen where all sorts of good things are created, prepared from scratch and cooked on a wood-fired stove. Nooks, crannies, and nature trails are always an interesting thing to explore, and visitors will not want to miss the historical Stittsville Church, which was recently moved to the farm.

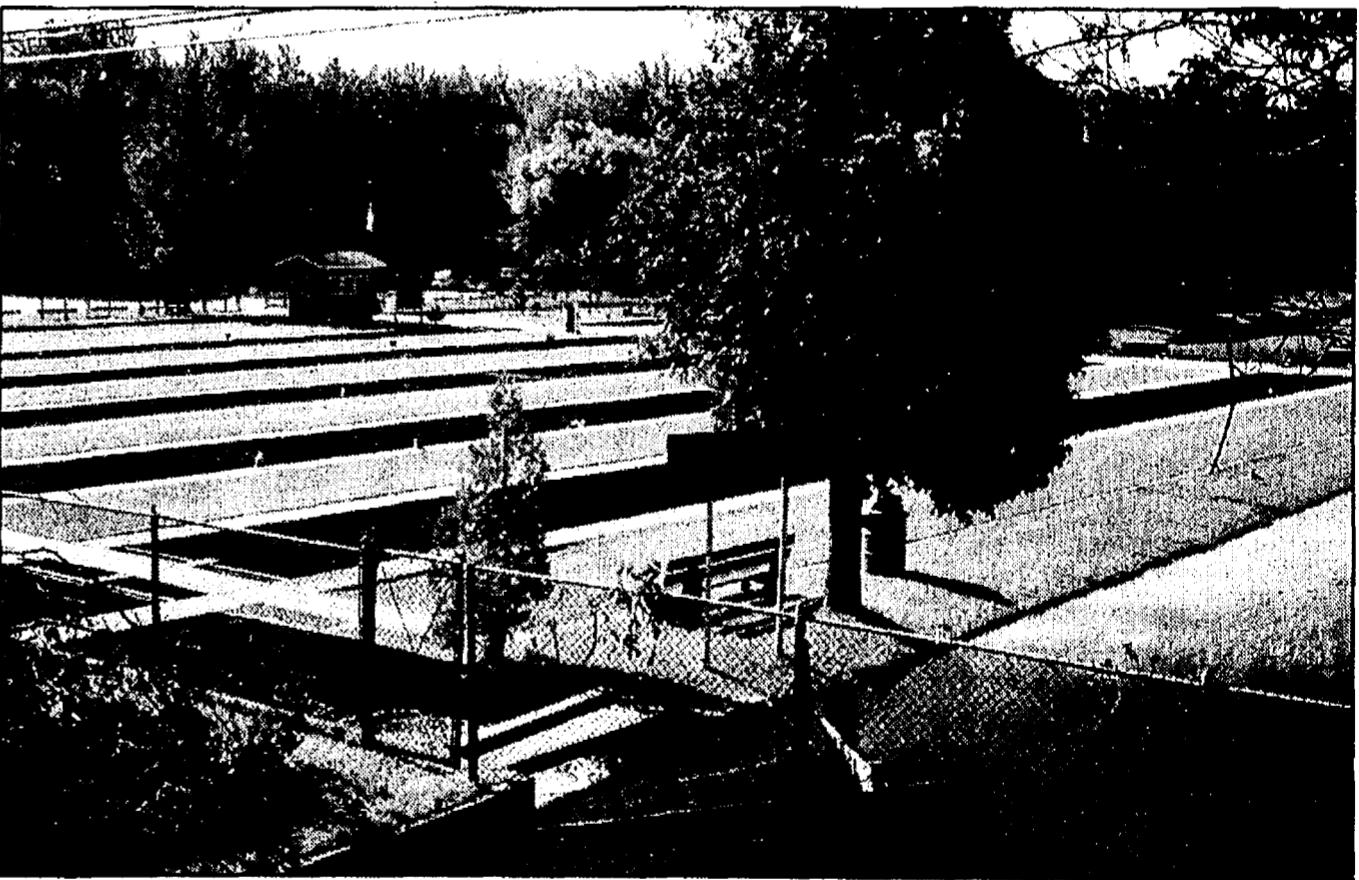
In addition to the historical buildings complete with interpreters and the Petting Barnyard, WFP also has a fully-stocked Farm Market, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, farm baked pies, cookies and bread, jams, jellies, maple syrup,

honey, pickles, and country fresh eggs. The Visitor Center also has souvenirs, books, handmade soaps, and crafts.

Throughout the season, WFP presents a long list of special events and activities beginning with the French and Indian War reenactment on June 11-12 and the Free Fair on July 16 (a day when nobody pays admission).

August is a busy month beginning with the Jackpine Jamboree on August 6 followed by the Flatbelt Festival on August 27-28. The Corn Maze will open sometime in August.

For more information on Wellington Farm Park, call 888-OLD-FARM or visit the farm's website: [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org).



Grayling Fish Hatchery



Wellington Farm Park (French & Indian War Reenactment)

# Grayling High School's 2005 Top Ten

The Grayling High School has selected its Top Ten Students for the 2005 graduating class. The students are among a total of 155 graduates who will take part in commencement ceremonies to be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 3 at the Don Ferguson Field.

Rebecca Rose Ramaswamy has been named 2005 Grayling High School Class Valedictorian. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Ram and Carol Ramaswamy. Ms. Ramaswamy plans on attending Vassar College in the state of New York to pursue a degree in English and foreign language. She is a recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. While at Grayling High School, she has been a member of the National Honor Society, serving as its vice president, and is a National Merit Finalist. She is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team. Rebecca has participated in marching band, concert band, jazz band, pep band, solo and ensemble, forensics, theater and has served as high school drum major. She is a cantor at her church. Her hobbies include reading, singing and scrap-booking.

Jennifer Long has been named the 2005 Grayling High School Class Salutatorian. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Dennis and Judy Long. Jennifer plans on attending the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in business communications and public/international relations. Ms. Long is the recipient of the Scholar Recognition Award from U of M, and the MEAP Merit Award. While at GHS, Jennifer has been a member of the National Honor Society, serving as its president, and is a scholar athlete. She has participated in tennis, softball, forensics, theater, and pom-poms, serving as its captain. Jennifer enjoys tutoring students, spending time with her friends and watching movies.

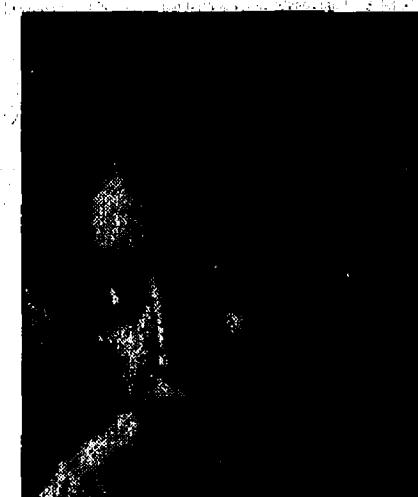
Tyler Cragg is the 17-year-old son of Melanie Cragg. He plans to attend Michigan Tech University to study civil engineering. Tyler is the recipient of the Board of Control Scholarship from MTU and the MEAP Merit Award. While at GHS, Tyler was class president his freshman year, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team. Mr. Cragg has participated in track, football, basketball, baseball and the GHS theater program. Tyler also helped organize and initiate the Moff-Pit Student Spirit Club. He enjoys volunteering with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Jennifer Gae Emmons is the 18-year-old daughter of Jeff and Nadine Emmons. She plans to attend Albion College to pursue a career in a medical field. She is the recipient of the Albion College Trustee Scholarship, and the MEAP Merit Award. Ms. Emmons is a member of the National Honor Society and is a section leader in band. Jennifer is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team and is a scholar athlete, participating in softball. While at GHS, she has been a member of the GHS band, equestrian team, and crew for the plays and musicals in the theater program. Jennifer volunteers her time for Kids' Day with the Markey Church Children's Ministry. Her hobbies include reading, scrapbooking and horseback riding.

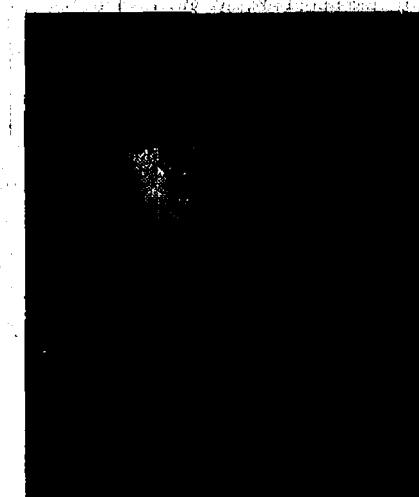
Alyssa Nicole Farrell is the 17-year-old daughter of Brian and Judi Farrell. She plans on attending Central Michigan University to pursue a doctorate degree in audiology. Her major will be in communication disorders, with a minor in art. Alyssa is a recipient of the Central Scholar Award and the MEAP Merit Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team. While at GHS, she has participated in Student Senate, serving as class representative her freshman year, and Senator Historian her sophomore year. Miss Farrell is a scholar athlete and has participated in football, cheerleading, volleyball, track and soccer. She has earned her academic letter and has received several school board recognitions. Alyssa volunteers her time at cheerleading and volleyball clinics, tutors younger children and has acted as counselor at



Rebecca Ramaswamy



Jennifer Long



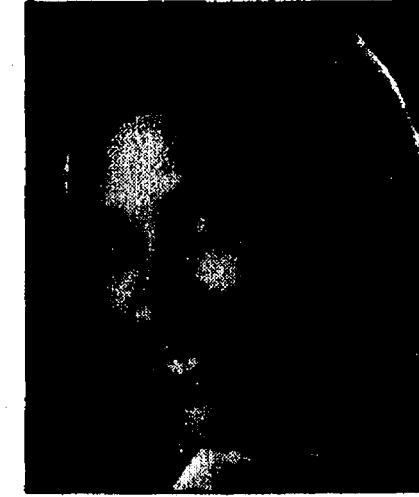
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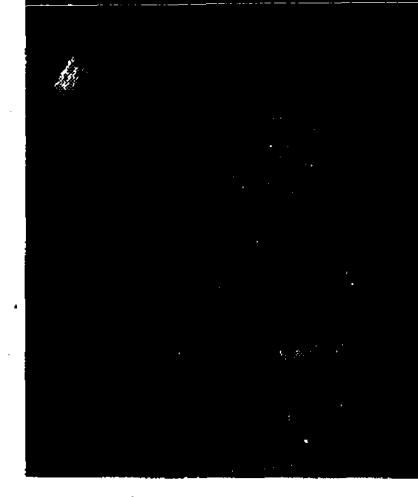
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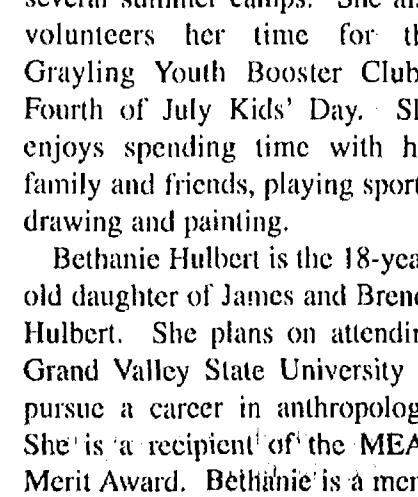
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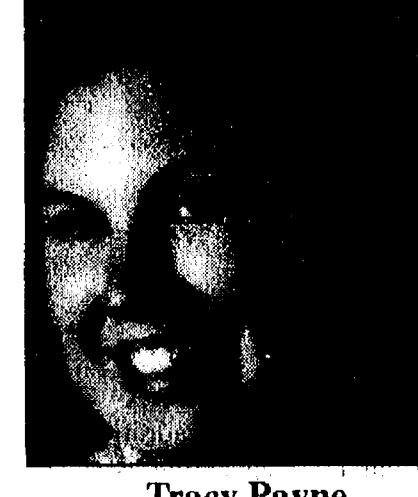
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Anthony Neal



Tracy Payne



Jamie Pinkelman

several summer camps. She also volunteers her time for the Grayling Youth Booster Club's Fourth of July Kids' Day. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, playing sports, drawing and painting.

Bethanie Hulbert is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Brenda Hulbert. She plans on attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a career in anthropology. She is a recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. Bethanie is a member of the National Honor Society and the GHS Chapter of Business Professionals of America, serving as its historian and secretary. Bethanie has placed second two years in a row at regional competition for BPA. She has also participated in track and was statistician for the boys basketball team. Bethanie volunteers her time at the Commission on Aging and also tutors younger students. She enjoys reading and spending time with her friends.

Ashley Isaacsen is the 17-year-old daughter of Eric and Deb Isaacsen and Lisa Kirk. Ashley plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University, where she has received the Award for Excellence Scholarship. She will pursue a degree in nursing. Ashley is a recipient of the USAA Scholarship and Math Awards Program and the MEAP Merit Award. Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team. She has earned her academic letter and has participated in cheerleading, pom-poms, Key Club, choir, and the GHS theater program. Ashley has volunteered her time for MMBA Trail Care, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, festival preparation, hospitals and child care. She tutors younger students, and has worked concessions at athletic events. Ashley enjoys shopping, spending time with family and friends, and arts and crafts.

Tracy Payne is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Stephanie Payne. She plans to attend Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids to study secondary education to become a high school social studies teacher. She is the recipient of the MEAP Merit Award and the Kendall Merit Scholarship from Cornerstone University. She has also received the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit. Tracy is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team,

and vice president of Key Club. Ms. Payne has participated in golf and forensics. She placed seventh at State in Forensics for Broadcasting. Her volunteer work includes junior church and media technician at church.

Tracy enjoys cross-country skiing, swimming, golf, going to the lake and spending time with her friends.

Jamie Pinkelman is the 18-year-old daughter of Shelley Pinkelman. She plans to attend Michigan State University to major in mathematics and natural science. She is the recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. Jamie is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team, and Positive Peer Involvement. She is a scholar athlete and was named Girls State Representative. She was also 1st runner up for HOBY. While at GHS, Ms. Pinkelman has participated in cheerleading for basketball and football, track, pom-poms and the theater. She has volunteered her time at the Red Cross Blood Drives, coached Redskins cheerleading and taught dance.

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## 'Star Wars' fans gather for local premiere

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leave town when the comforts of home are here?"

Ryan, who got in line at 9 p.m., admits getting into a "couple" of lightsaber battles. Positive reactions from Grayling fans to the film seem to be as common as stormtroopers on the Death Star.

"That movie was absolutely phenomenal," said Southard.

"I thought it was amazing. It put the final piece in the Star Wars legacy," said Ryan. For the most part, critics agree. RottenTomatoes.com, a website that compiles film reviews from major critics across the nation, reports that 83% of the reviews are mostly positive. This is a vast improvement over the previous two prequel films, each of which are in the 60% range. Most fans agree that George Lucas got it right this time.

"It beat Episode IV," said Barry, who still considers "Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) to be the best in the series. Like most fans, Barry considers the classic Star Wars trilogy from the late 70's and early 80's to be the best. Nonetheless, others consider the newer films to be an equally great experience.

"I like the prequels. The new ones have a high tech edge," said Ryan. Wherever one's Star Wars loyalties lie, it is clear that seeing the film locally offered distinct advantages. The opening show sold out by 6:30 in Gaylord, leaving all but the earliest fans in the dust. On the other hand, the Rialto sold tickets right up until the film started, ensuring that Grayling families wouldn't need to camp out in order to experience the Dark Side.

"It was a good turnout," said Arnie Stancil, general manager of the Rialto. He said the theater was about 80% full.

"80% is good, especially at midnight," said Stancil. Stancil, who has been in the theater business for decades, was not at all surprised at the popularity of the film.

"It's good vs. evil. Believe me, good vs. evil has always worked. That excites people," said Stancil. It worked well enough for "Revenge of the Sith" to earn \$108.5 million in its first weekend, with the second place film, "Monster-In-Law," making \$12 million. It also shattered the records for all time highest grossing midnight show and highest four day sales take, earning back two of the records that "The Lord of the Rings" had won



Michael MacFalda (left), age 7 and his brother Jacob, age 5, showed up to watch the PG-13 rated film under their mother Carrie's supervision. "They really loved it. We had a nice family night," said MacFalda.

from previous Star Wars films. As Darth Vader said in Episode IV, "now I am the master."

Fans couldn't agree more.

"I feel kind of like my life's been completed," said Ryan.

## Dispute headed to the Supreme Court

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Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties.

Kolenda ruled that resolutions passed by the county boards formed a valid contract with the trial court despite attempts to reverse the action by Crawford and Kalkaska County Commissioners.

Chief 46th Trial Court Judge Alton T. Davis said he does not believe the counties are going to get the reversal of the opinion with the Supreme Court.

"I think everything has been said that needs to be said," Davis

stated.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said authorization to take the dispute to the Supreme Court was approved last year. He added that lawyers for the counties have capped their fees at \$15,000 to handle the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court appeals, but will not bill the counties if there is not a favorable outcome.

County officials argue that the dispute is a Constitutional issue that could establish funding mandates for other counties in the state.

"It's a shame it had to go to this point," Stephenson said. "It's a

big issue and it's more than just a case between Crawford County and the 46th Trial Court."

Davis said that court officials figured it would have cost Crawford County between \$6,000 and \$12,000 a year to fund the benefits after the county received federal and state reimbursements to fund the courts. By prolonging the litigation, Davis said Crawford and Kalkaska County taxpayers may have to pay \$915,000 for the trial court's legal fees.

"This litigation has become a far bigger issue than the amount of money that was originally in dispute from a cost standpoint," Davis said.

## Military Hall of Honor service slated

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War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the present war, Operation Iraqi Freedom. The plaques will include the veterans' names, years of service and military branches in which they served.

The other wall will have all non-combat soldiers, starting with 1910, going up to the present and extending into the future. Each decade will be represented with the soldiers' names, years of service and military branches in which they served.

Over 600 veterans will be recognized. Nancy Wells, an administrative secretary for the school district who has compiled information on the veterans, said citizens will be able to hear first hand accounts from veterans on what they have gone through.

"They are humble about what they did, but they like to talk about how awesome it was to be part of the country pulling together and doing what had to be done," Wells said.

Donald Geiss, an Army veteran who was held as a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II, will be the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Geiss said he is pleased that the school is recognizing veterans.

"This memorial will remind the students of the people who

have fought in the various wars to keep our country free," Geiss said.

Veterans will have displays of medals, photographs and memorabilia for people to view.

"This will give people a good idea of what our veterans have gone through," said Bill Dean, a Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education member who is an Air Force Veteran.

Refreshments will be served in the high school cafeteria after the ceremony.

The Board of Education and 12 area businesses and organizations are sponsoring the Military Hall of Honor.

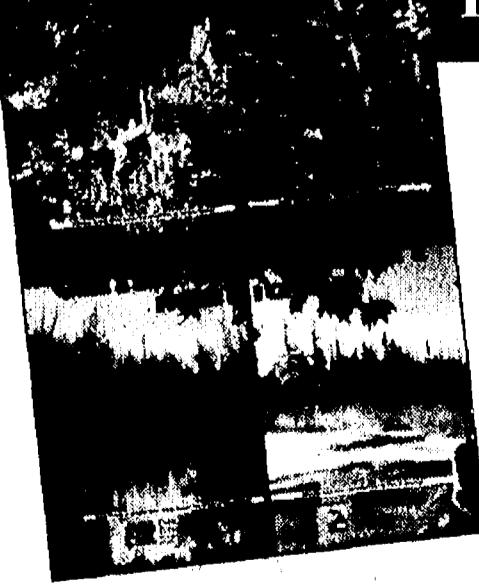
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aggressively promote pet owners having their animals spayed and neutered," said Cheryll Ruley, the secretary/treasurer for the animal shelter board.

Ruley said the board will likely hold off on naming a new director since several members of the shelter have purchased tickets to win a Dodge Durango, which is being raffled off during the AuSable Canoe Marathon weekend. The director and board members are not eligible to win the vehicle.

The shelter's next fund-raiser is holding a roast for Century 21 River Country owner Randy Thompson at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 at the Ole Barn. Tickets for the roast are being sold for \$25.

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## Vikings split with Ogemaw

Grayling wins game one 7-2, West Branch takes game two 6-5

**■ Baseball team falls to Traverse City St. Francis 7-5, 4-0 on Monday night**

The Vikings of Grayling High School split a doubleheader

with West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday at GHS, with Grayling winning game one 7-2 and Ogemaw taking game two 6-5.

"I am so proud of how we responded to play Ogemaw today. They are a really good

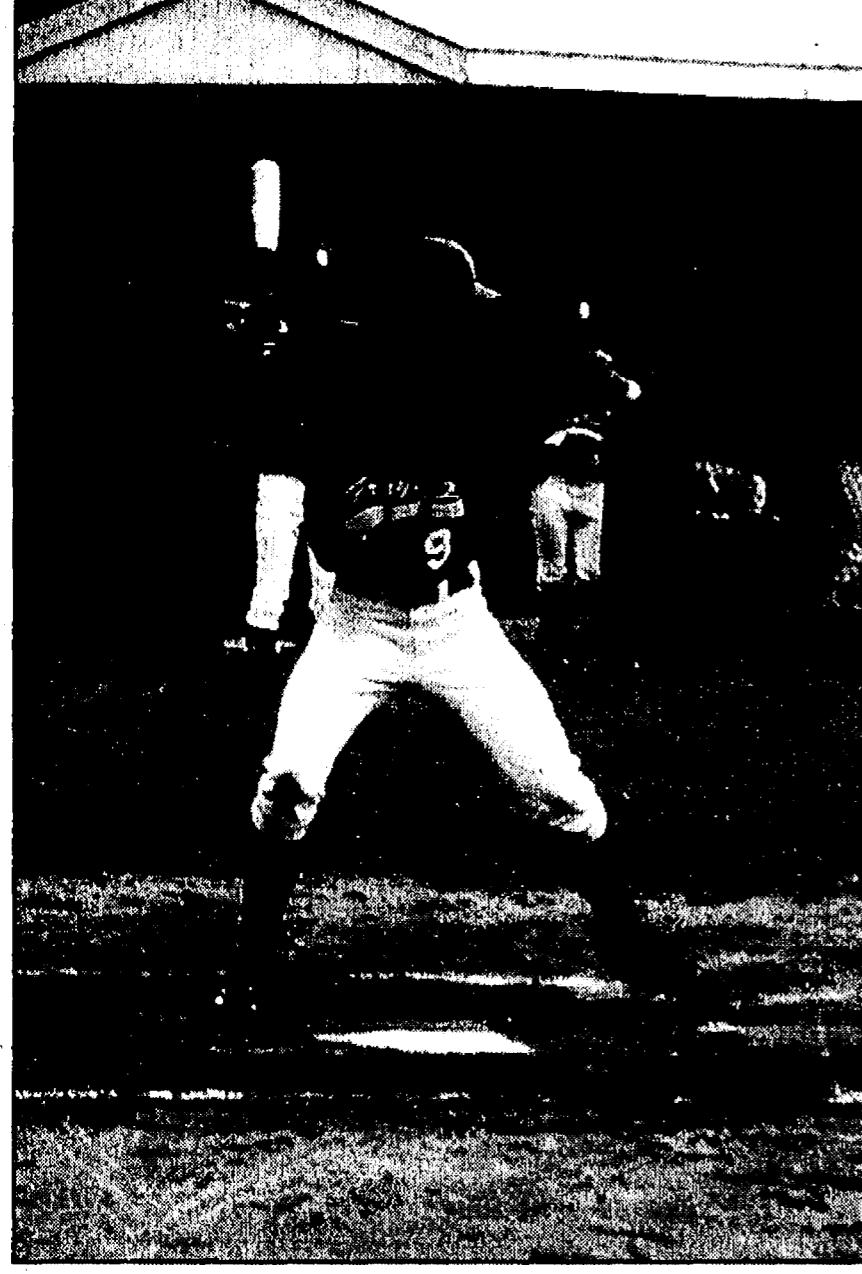
team who has beaten some proven programs this season. West Branch has a good shot at winning their district. We showed today that when we put it together as a team we can compete with the area's best teams," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Gibson Tobin teamed with DJ Metzer to win the first game. Combined they threw a four-hitter and only gave up one walk. In the first game Derek Etzler and Tobin both crushed homers out of the park. Ryan Davis also collected two hits in

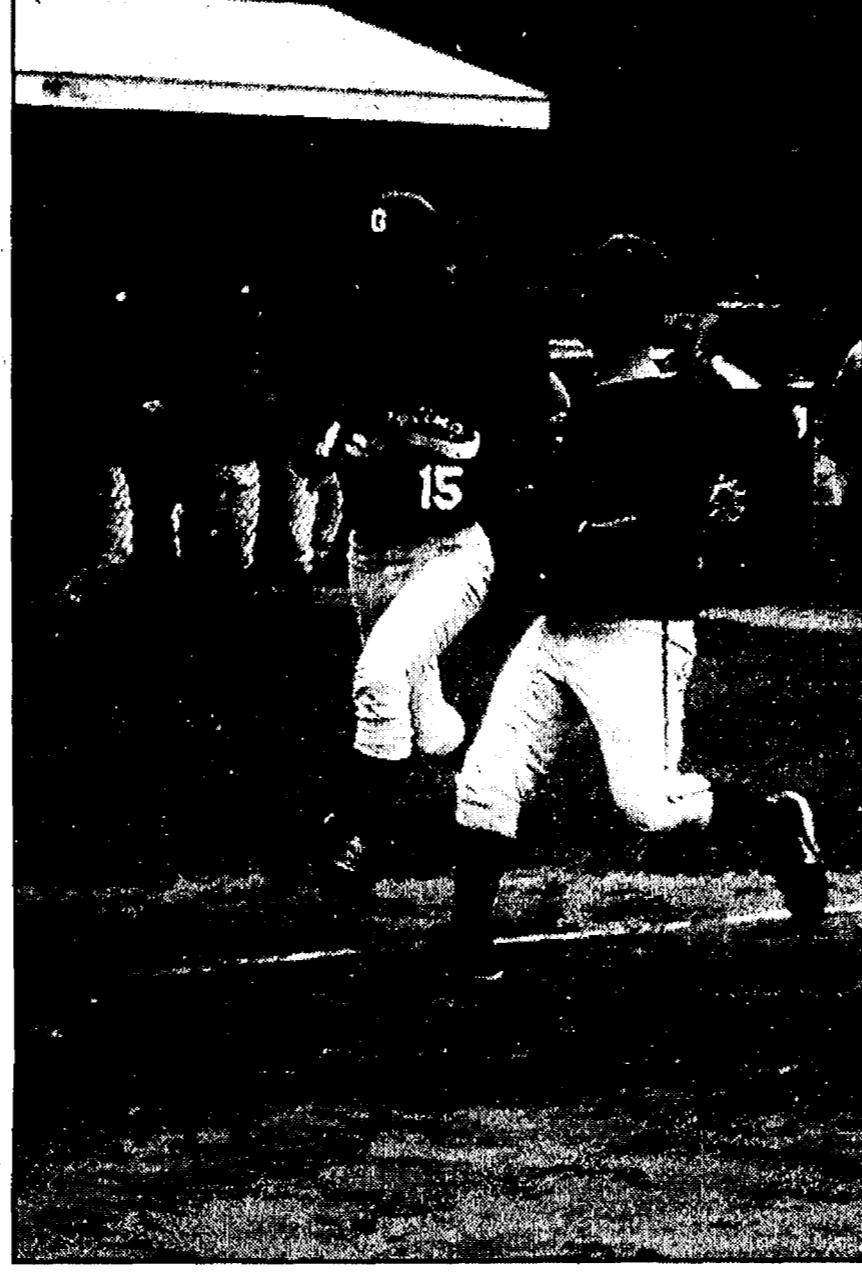
the first game."

"In game two JC Schneider pitched very well. We had a three-run first inning but all three runs came due to throwing errors. Schneider settled down nicely and picked off numerous base runners to give us a shot to

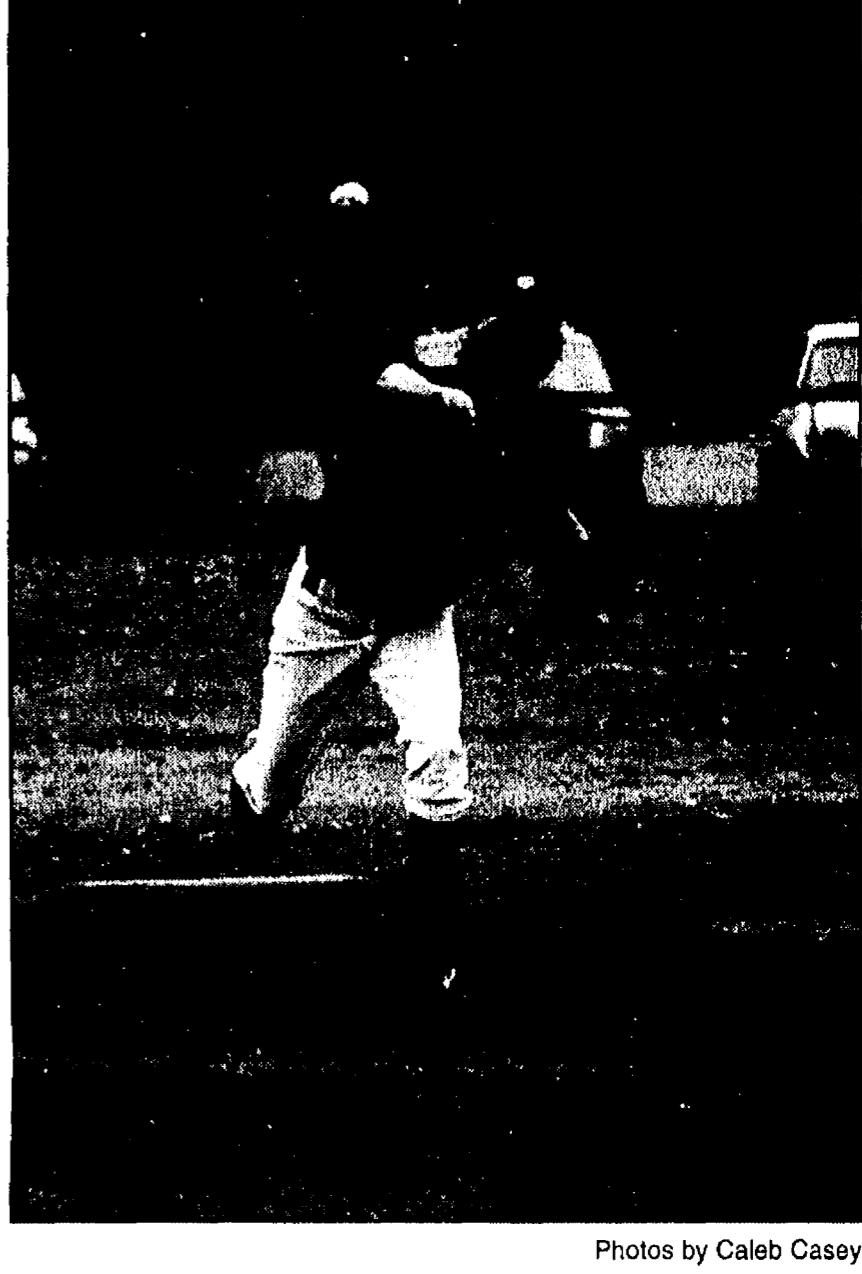
win. We battled back but came up one run short. Our effort was great, though," Coach Brock said. "Ryan Davis hit his fifth homer of the season and Etzler had a double in the second. Continued on Page 8B  
See "VIKINGS SPLIT."



Alex McNamara bats for Grayling in Wednesday's series vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Ronnie Johnston scores a run for Grayling vs. West Branch last week.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Gibson Tobin pitches against the Falcons of Ogemaw Heights on Wednesday.

## GHS to host districts for baseball, softball

**■ Vikings to play Cadillac in district semi-finals on Saturday, June 4**

Bracket assignments for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District #34 Division II baseball and softball tournaments were drawn on Thursday, May 19. Grayling will

play Cadillac in both baseball and softball in the tournaments' semi-final rounds on Saturday, June 4, at Grayling High School.

The District #34 tournaments will feature only four teams this

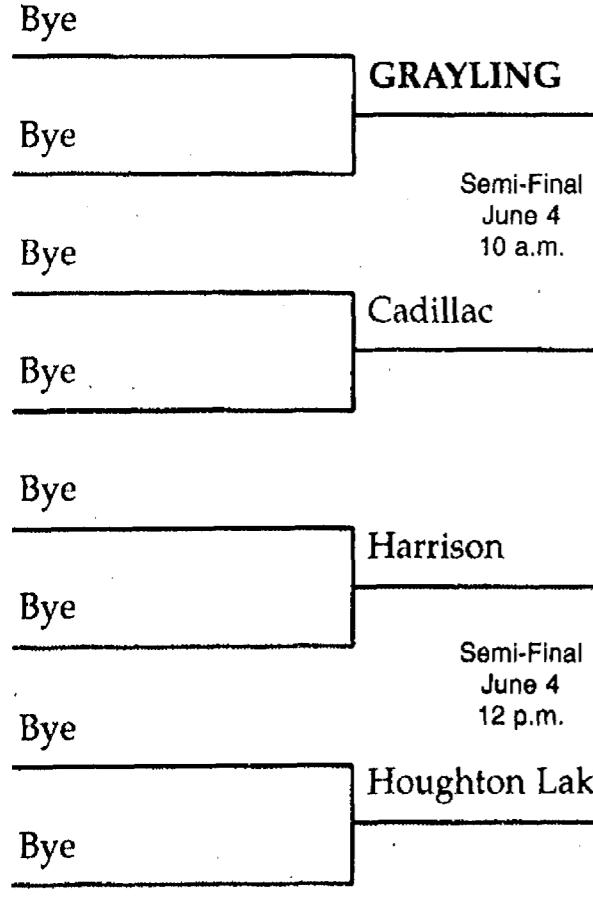
year. All three games – two semi-final matches and the championship game – will be held on Saturday, June 4.

In softball, Grayling will face Cadillac on June 4 at 10 a.m. in

the first game of the tournament. Harrison will play Houghton Lake at 12 noon in the second semi-final contest. The semi-final match winners will play at 2 p.m. for the district championship.

In baseball, Houghton Lake and Harrison play at 10 a.m. and Grayling will face Cadillac in the 12 noon game. The two winners will play in the District #34 title game at 2 p.m.

### MHSAA District Softball Tournament

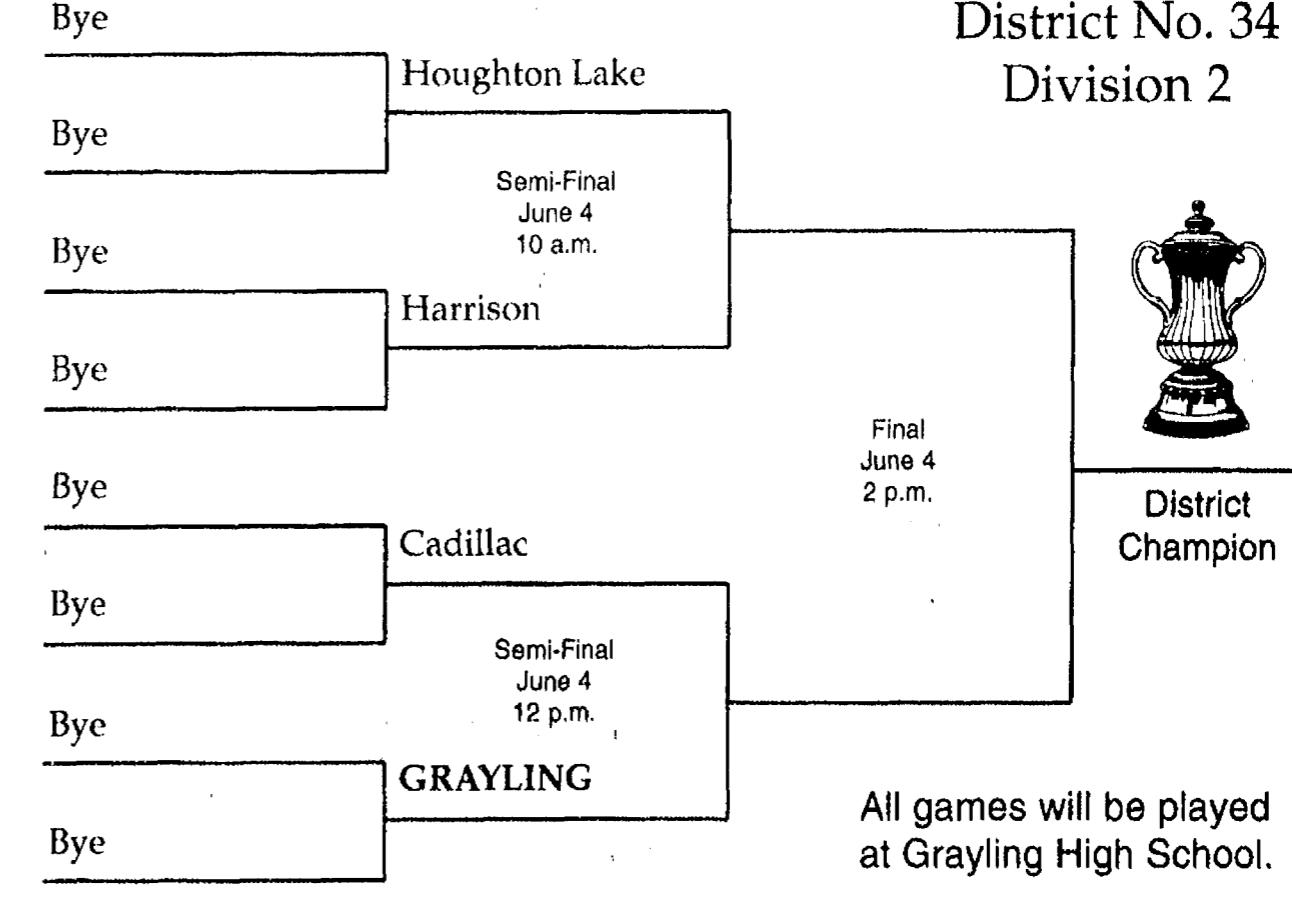


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Division 2



All games will be played at Grayling High School.

### MHSAA District Baseball Tournament



District No. 34  
Division 2



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## Six GHS track athletes qualify for state finals

**■ Grayling places in top three in two relay events, one dash, and one hurdles event**

Grayling High School's boys track team finished in the top three in four events at Saturday's regional track meet at East Jordan, qualifying six athletes for competition at the upcoming

state finals.

Ryan Schmidt took 1st place in the 300m hurdles on Saturday and Tyler Cragg took 2nd in the 400m dash.

Two of Grayling's relay teams

placed high enough to qualify for the state finals: 3200m relay – Jeff Bancroft, Chris Goscicki, Brent Gabriel, Reagan Schmidt, 3rd; 1600m relay – Gabriel, Ryan Schmidt, Goscicki, Cragg, 2nd.

Nick Parkinson placed 4th in the 110m hurdles, finishing one place short of state finals qualification.

"I was extremely proud of the way our guys ran today. We had

six men qualify for states. That is by far the most Grayling has ever had qualify at one time," Coach Tim Sanchez said. "They worked hard this year and every one of them deserve it."

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## Golf team wins regular season finale

**Vikings fall short of state finals with 7th place finish at Friday's regional event**

The GHS girls golf team finished its 2005 regular season with wins over Roscommon and Traverse City St. Francis at Fox Run Country Club last Tuesday.

Grayling posted a team score of 205 in the meet. Roscommon had 223 and TCSF finished at 282.

"We finished regular season play with this tri-meet, never having lost a dual or tri-meet competition, which is a great achievement. The GHS golfers also placed fourth or better at every invitational during the regular season with many tough courses and competitors, so it was a great way to close out the year," Coach Rebecca Brown said. "The girls have all consistently worked hard to better their understanding and skills with regard to the sport

and represent well our school and community. I'm proud of them all."

Individual scores for Grayling on Tuesday included: Abby Wheeler, 49; Mallory Olson, 51; Samantha LeMaster, 51; Kristi Calkins, 54; Alexis Elmy, 55; Monica Leslie, 56; Beth Bonnington, 58; Jessie Morley, 59; Tracy Payne, 67. Wheeler parred two holes and LeMaster, Calkins, and Morley each parred one hole.

On Monday, the Vikings finished 4th out of 10 teams at the Cheboygan Invitational at Cheboygan Golf and Country Club. Team scores included: Traverse City Central, 353; Traverse City West, 361; Cheboygan, 394; Grayling, 398.

Individual scores for the Vikings included: Wheeler, 98 (2 pars); Calkins, 97 (1 par); Olson, 99 (4 pars); LeMaster, 104 (2 pars); Leslie, 122; Bonnington, 126; Elmy, 133; Payne, 136; Brittany Danner, 162.

"The Vikings finished fourth in a tough field, almost edging out host Cheboygan for third. Traverse City teams finished one and two as they have at every invitational where Grayling has competed with them. The course in Cheboygan was hazard-lined, narrow, and hilly and the Vikings navigated it well, shooting 398 with nine pars. I was especially pleased with Olson coming in under 100 for the first time at invitationals this year and LeMaster's 104. Sam moved into the fourth spot when Jessie Morley got sick that morning and couldn't attend and handled the pressure very well. Wheeler and Calkins were consistent with their average and despite winds and a lot of winter kill, it was a great day for us," Coach Brown said.

The team ended its 2005 season with a 7th place finish at regionals on Friday at Glenbrier Golf Course in Perry.

"Glenbrier was a tough course and the Vikings struggled

with the abundant hazards, shooting well above their team average of 397, placing 7th with a 452," Coach Brown said. "It was amazing to see Dewitt's Stephanie shoot a 75 on such a tough course and it was definitely an advantage for those teams who were familiar with Glenbrier. The Vikings were valiant in their effort and though it was disappointing for the girls not to qualify for states, we've had a great season overall, a lot of individual and team success, and we will definitely be back next year working harder than ever to achieve our goals."

Team scores at regionals included: Dewitt, 373; Flint Powers, 396; Lansing Catholic Central, 434; Perry, 444; Corunna, 448; Roscommon, 449; Grayling 452. Six teams finished below Grayling in the final standings.

Individual scores for the Vikings included: Wheeler, 99; Calkins, 111; Morley, 116; LeMaster, 126; Payne, 129.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

#### EDERICK & MAPLE FOREST

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Leaves Grayling | 5:45 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 6:45 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:30 a.m. |
| Leaves Grayling | 1:15 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 3:00 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 5:00 p.m.  |

#### LOVELLS

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Leaves Grayling | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:30 a.m. |
| Leaves Grayling | 1:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 5:00 p.m.  |

#### M-72 EAST

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Leaves Grayling | 6:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 7:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:30 a.m. |
| Leaves Grayling | 1:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 5:00 p.m.  |

#### M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service  
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

#### BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Leaves Grayling | 7:30 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:00 a.m. |
| Leaves Grayling | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 2:15 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 4:30 p.m.  |

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services  
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

### RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

### SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS\*\*:

#### Scheduled For June 2005

##### Trip #1

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Destination: Victories Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

##### Trip #2

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2005

Destination: St. Ignace

Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"

Lunch & Shopping

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging  
Contact Eulouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a seat

Departs Grayling: 11:00 a.m.

Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

\*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips  
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

### COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Mill Town Festival.

To Request Information Concerning Expanded Services  
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

## Holiday Inn

### Viking of the Week



Girls Golf  
Coach: Rebecca Brown

### ABBY WHEELER

Abby led Grayling with a 98 at Monday's Cheboygan Invitational, a 49 at the tri-meet vs. Roscommon and TCSF, and a 99 at regionals in Perry. She finished the year with the best team member average of 48.5.

School gym from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 27-29. Registration fee is \$25 (payable to Glen Donahue Camp). Each participant will receive a shirt, basketball instruction, games, and prizes.

The camp for grades 7-10 is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Grayling High

7-10.

The camp for grades 3-6 will include separate sessions for grades 3-6 and 7-10.

The camp for grades 3-6 will be held at the Grayling Middle

## COACH DONAHUE BASKETBALL CAMP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

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The undersigned agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, & pay any attorney fees of the employees of the Donahue Basketball Camp, CASD School District, Employees of CASD, & the state of Michigan, its servants, agents, & employees from any claims or demands that I may have of whatever kind & nature arising out of activities at or use of the premises controlled by the above mentioned. In the event of an emergency, I give permission for my son/daughter to be placed under the care of a qualified doctor or nurse.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION (ALLERGIES, KNOWN DRUG REACTION, PRESCRIBED MEDICATION, ETC.): \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson  
Wednesday Ladies League

Well, I'm finally getting down to the business of letting all of you know of our golfing accomplishments and fun for this year. Off to a later start this year, but will do my best for all of you. Upon our arrival there were beautiful tulips to greet us as we walked into the clubhouse. Nice touch.

I was not here for the organizational meeting, which was held on May 4, but I was told that Sandy Winkle welcomed all who were there and introduced her board for this year: JoAnn Michal, Vice-President; Evie Kent, Treasurer; Sherry Hanson,

Secretary; Jeanette Kitchen, Past-President; Sally McNamara, and Shirley Schultz.

The golf committee for this year is Nancy Glaslee, Beverly McNamara, and Mo McNamara. On the rules committee this year are Beverly McNamara, Sally McNamara, and Kathy Olson.

There were quite a few gals that were not able to join us this year and we miss them. There are some new gals who joined us this year: Eddie Blaha, Deb Bonkoski, Connie Gates, and Aggie Trudgeon. Welcome aboard.

At our course this year our new general manager Chris Zuicker has planned a lot of fun

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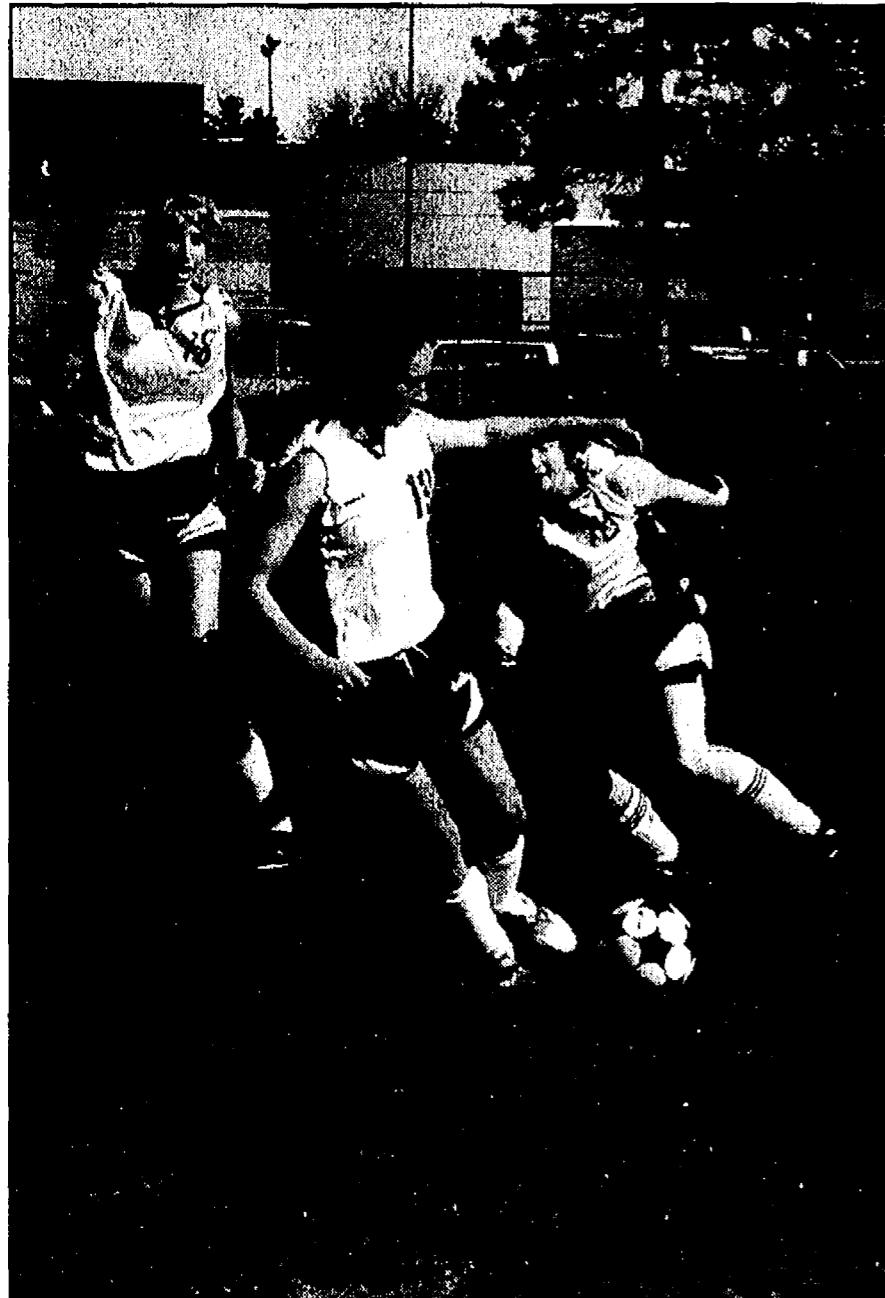


gatherings



Jenny VanNuck goes after a ball in last Friday's game against Charlevoix.

## Soccer team hosts Charlevoix



Alyssa Farrell (left) and Jessie Baker (right) control the ball for Grayling in last Friday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Charlevoix Rayders at GHS. Charlevoix won the contest.



Beth Lucey fights for a ball against Charlevoix on Friday.

## GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league opened its 2005 season with games on Wednesday and Thursday last week.

On Wednesday, Dubois Lumber swept AJD in a double-header. In game one, Troy McDonald led the Dubois team to a 26-4 win with a 271-foot home run. In game two, Ryan Swope hit a 402-foot home run (just short of the GRA record) over the fence in left center and

DuBois won 21-2.

On Thursday, Kodiak Group and SMK split. Kodiak Group won the first game of the series 19-15. Corey Summers had two home runs and 9 RBI for Kodiak. Caleb Casey hit a home run for SMK. In game two, SMK won 21-9 with Mike D'Amour hitting two home runs. Summers hit a home run for Kodiak Group.

Tuesday's scheduled game between Camp Grayling and American Legion was post-

poned.

### Standings after Week #1:

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Dubois Lumber                   | 2-0 |
| Kodiak Group                    | 1-1 |
| SMK                             | 1-1 |
| AJD                             | 0-2 |
| American Legion                 | 0-0 |
| Camp Grayling                   | 0-0 |
| <b>Home run league leaders:</b> |     |
| Corey Summers                   | 3   |
| Mike D'Amour                    | 2   |
| Caleb Casey                     | 1   |
| Ryan Swope                      | 1   |
| Troy McDonald                   | 1   |

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Kim Long takes a throw-in for the Vikings on Friday night.

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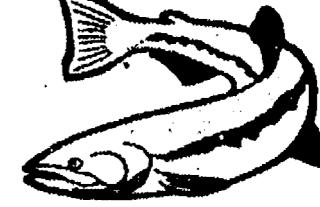
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Ron Thomson

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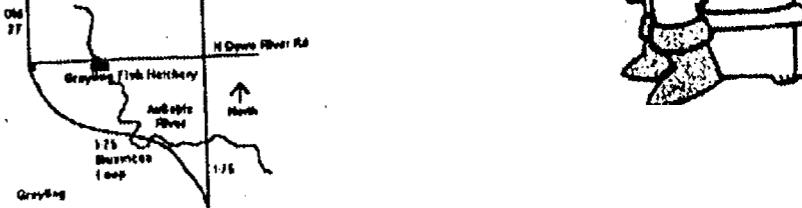
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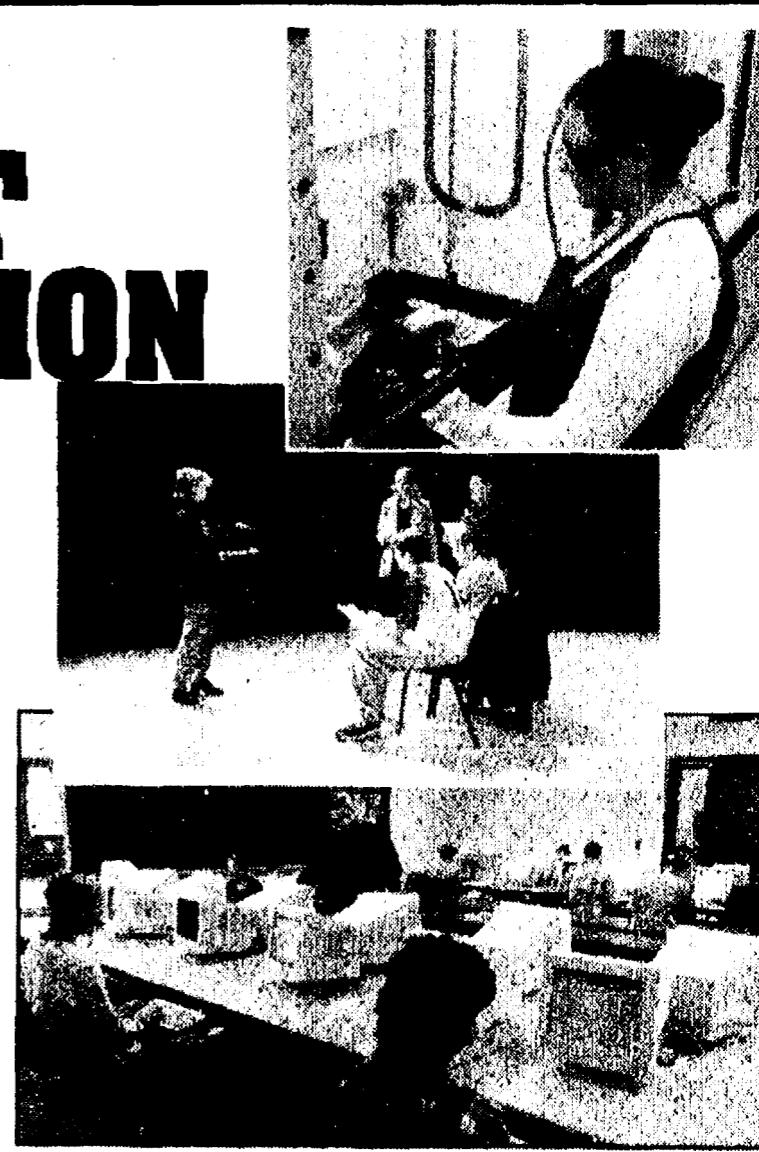
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| Senior Citizen..... | \$5.00  |
| Couple.....         | \$10.00 |
| Family.....         | \$15.00 |

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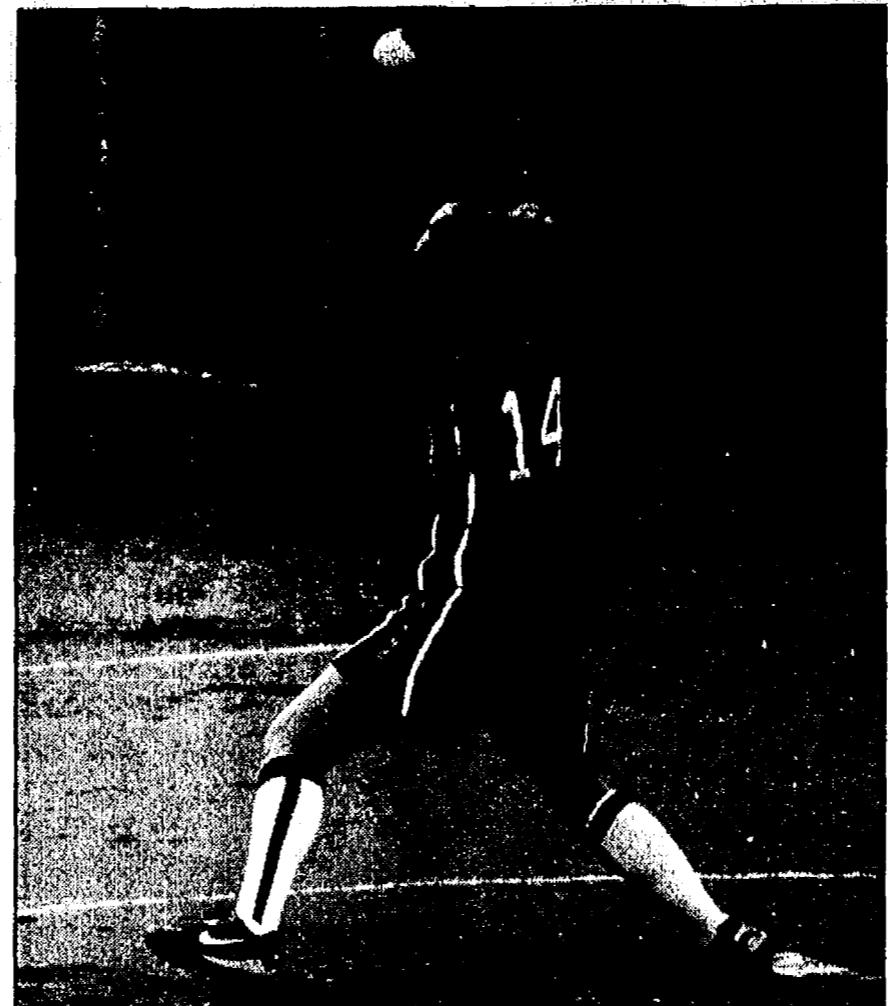
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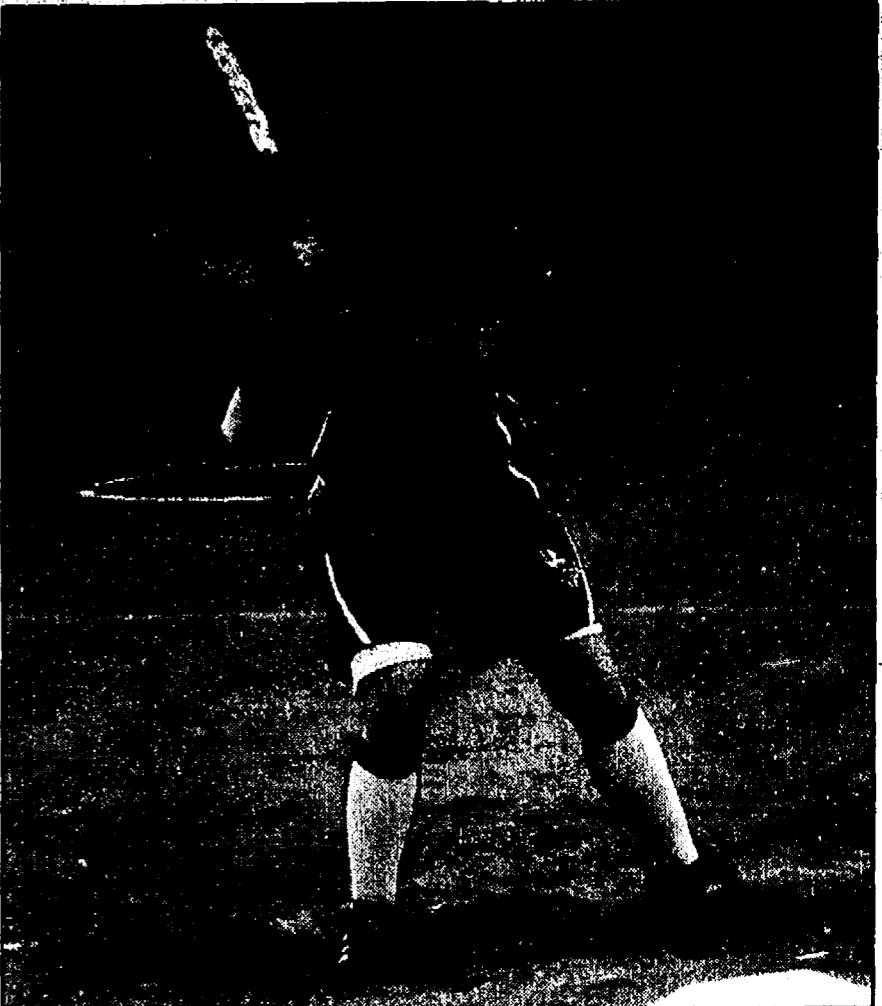
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Katie Baynham pitches for Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Monday.



Heather Metzer bats against West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Wednesday.



Kelly Dunckley bats for GHS in last Monday's series vs. TCSF.



Chelsea Wolcott pitches for the Vikings against Ogemaw Heights.

## Softball team falls to Falcons, Gladiators

Heather Metzer, 1 for 2.

Baynham pitched game one for GHS and Chelsea Wolcott pitched game two.

"In game one we lost our focus. You can't win a game when you commit as many errors as we did," Coach Keri Brock said. "Their pitcher threw strikes and forced us to swing the bats and defensively they made plays."

On Monday, the Vikings fell to the Gladiators of TCSF 20-1, 14-1.

Offensive leaders for Grayling were: (game one) Kelly Dunckley, 1 for 2 (double); Monica Peters, 1 for 2; Katie Baynham, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; (game two) Angeanette Lovely, 1 for 2; Jessica Henderson, 1 for 2, 1 RBI;

Leading hitters for Grayling were: (game one) Baynham, 1 for 3; Metzer, 1 for 2; Gabby Calkins, 1 for 1; (game two) Baynham, 1 for 3, 1 run; Peters, 1 for 2. Wolcott pitched game one and Baynham pitched game two for the Vikings.

"We weren't able to put much together offensively with only five hits on the night. That makes it pretty difficult to score," Coach Brock said. "Our game defensively wasn't on. We didn't play as a team and too many errors were made, which could have been prevented."

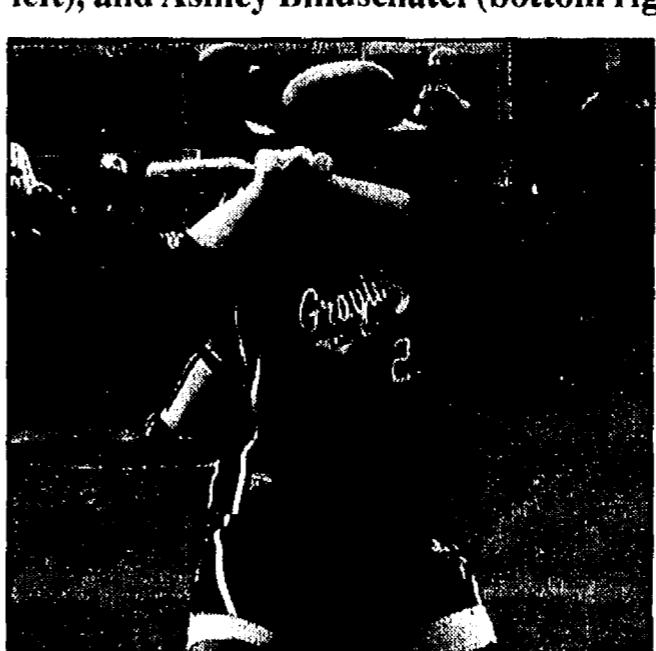
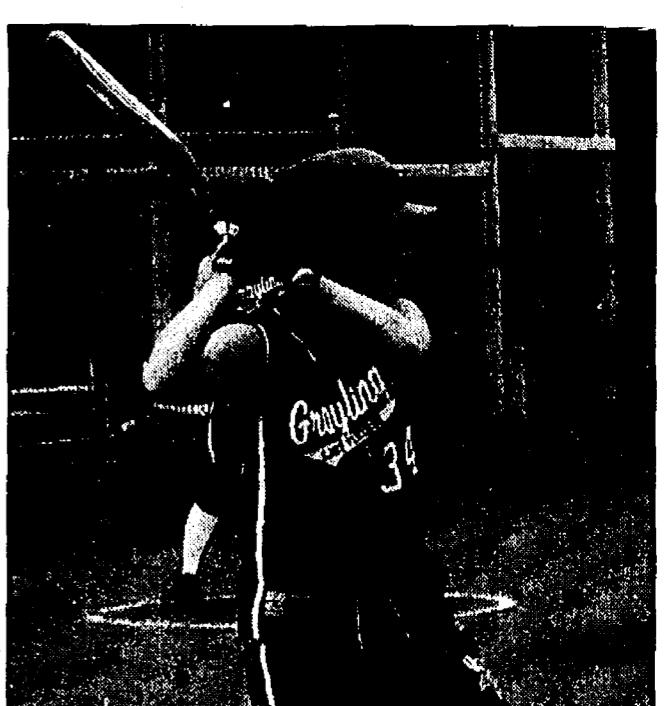
The Vikings will host Cadillac in the district semi-finals on Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m. The winner will face Harrison or Houghton Lake in the district championship game at 2 p.m.

**Wendy's**  
**Viking of the Week**  
  
Varsity Softball  
Coach: Keri Brock  
**MONICA PETERS**

"Monica has come up with some key hits for us down the stretch. Playing varsity as a freshman isn't an easy task and can be frustrating at times. She has handled herself well. I have been very impressed with the progress she has made since the start of the season," her coach said.



Angeanette Lovely (top left), Monica Peters (top right), Ashley Prosser (bottom left), and Ashley Bindschatel (bottom right) bat for GHS in games played last week.



## Krafty Dragons' Hideaway GRAND OPENING MAY 27, 2005 10:00 A.M.

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## LEGAL ACTION

**STATE OF  
MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY  
SUPERVISOR OF  
WELLS**

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITIONS OF SAMSON  
RESOURCES COMPANY AND  
QUICKSILVER RESOURCES INC.  
FOR AN ORDER FROM THE SUPER-  
VISOR OF WELLS AUTHORIZING A  
THIRD WELL ON 640-ACRE PRAIRIE  
DU CHIEN FORMATION DRILLING  
UNITS IN THE BEAVER CREEK  
POOL AS AN EXCEPTION TO SPE-  
CIAL ORDER NO. 1-86  
CAUSE NO. (A) 15-6-05

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Take notice that a contested case hearing will be held before the Supervisor of Wells (Supervisor) in the city of Lansing, Michigan, on the TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JUNE (JUNE 22) 2005, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STEPHEN NISBET HEARING ROOM, ATRIUM LEVEL, SOUTH TOWER, CONSTITUTION HALL, 525 WEST ALLEGAN STREET, LANSING, MICHIGAN. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.61501 *et seq.*, the administrative rules, 1996 AAC, 2001 MR 2, 2002 MR 23, R 324.101 *et seq.*, and the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; MSA 3.560(101) *et seq.*

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence pertaining to the need or desirability of issuing an order in the matter of the petitions of Samson Resources Company, Two West Second Street, Tulsa OK 74103; and Quicksilver Resources Inc., 777 W. Rosedale St., Ste. 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76104 (Petitioners).

Petitioners seek an order of the Supervisor authorizing a third well on 640-acre Prairie du Chien Formation drilling units, consisting of Section 12, T25N, R5W, Garfield Township, Kalkaska County (Samson Resources Company); and Section 18, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan (Quicksilver Resources Inc.), as an exception to Special Order No. 1-86.

The scope of the hearing is hereby enlarged at the initiative of the Supervisor to also include Section 7, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County; and Section 13, T25N, R5W, Garfield Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan.

You can obtain a copy of the written petitions by requesting them in writing from Mr. Kenneth Hollingshead, Samson Resources Company, Two West Second Street, Tulsa, OK 74103, telephone number 918-591-1007; and Mr. Sam W. Stewart.

Quicksilver Resources, Inc., 777 W. Rosedale St., Ste. 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, telephone number 817-665-4846.

Take note that if you wish to participate as a party in the hearing by presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses, you shall prepare and mail or otherwise deliver to the Petitioners and Supervisor, not less than 5 days before the hearing date, an answer to the petitioners in the manner set forth in R 324.1204(6). Proof of mailing or delivering the answer shall be filed with the Supervisor on or before the date of the hearing. The answer shall state with specificity the interested person's position with regard to the petition. Failure to prepare and serve an answer in a timely manner shall preclude you from presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at the hearing. If an answer to the petition is not filed, the Supervisor may elect to consider the petition and

DATED: May 4, 2005  
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## PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

|                                    |                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Case #PU050004                     | Request to operate a small home accessories business, VIA internet out of his home. Special Use Article XVII |
| Petitioner:                        | Robert Cochran<br>9229 Murphy Road<br>Roscommon, MI 48653                                                    |
| Township:<br>Legal Dees:           | South Branch<br>The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 34,<br>T25N R2W. 40 acres.                                   |
| Property Code:<br>Zoning District: | 062-034-016-020-00<br>RR                                                                                     |

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department  
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building  
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran  
Director

## 2004 Water Quality Report for the City of Grayling

This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Grayling for the calendar year 2004. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2004. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 2 groundwater wells. One well is located off of Connine Dr. (Well 1) and the other is off of Roberts Rd (Well 2). In 2003 the State performed an assessment of our source water and determined Well 1 to have a low susceptibility to contamination and Well 2 to have a moderately low susceptibility. You may obtain a copy of this assessment report from City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, MI 49738.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

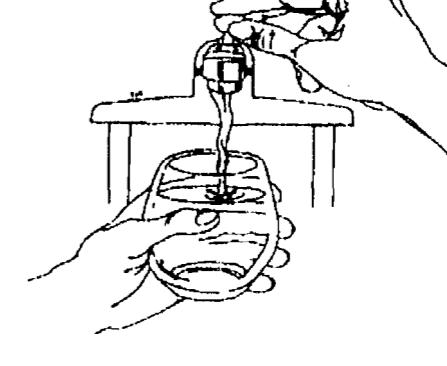
**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it

dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- \* **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- \* **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- \* **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- \* **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- \* **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.



### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2004 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2004. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

#### Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **N/A**: Not applicable **ND**: not detectable at testing limit **ppb**: parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm**: parts per million or milligrams per liter.
- **Action Level**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

#### Samples Collected at the Wellhouse:

| Regulated Chemical Contaminants | MCL | MCLG | Our Water | Sample Date | Violation Yes / No | Typical Source of Contaminants                            |
|---------------------------------|-----|------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Barium (ppm)                    | 2   | 2    | 0.01      | 6-16-2003   | No                 | Discharge of drilling wastes; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride (ppm)                  | 4   | 4    | 1.0       | 4-6-2004    | No                 | Added for the control of tooth decay                      |

| Unregulated Chemical Contaminants <sup>2</sup> | Our Water | Sample Date | Violation Yes / No | Typical Source of Contaminants |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sodium (ppm)                                   | 5         | 4-6-2004    | N/A                | Erosion of natural deposits    |
| Sulfate (ppm)                                  | 7         | 4-6-2004    | N/A                | Erosion of natural deposits    |

<sup>2</sup>Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

#### Samples Collected in the Distribution System:

| Contaminants Subject to an Action Level | Action Level, MCL, or MRDL | Our Water | Sample Date | Number of Samples Above AL | Typical Source of Contaminants                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lead (ppb) <sup>3</sup>                 | AL = 15                    | 5         | 8-5-2003    | 0                          | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits                                   |
| Copper (ppm) <sup>3</sup>               | AL = 1.3                   | 0.17      | 8-5-2003    | 0                          | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |

#### Monitoring and Reporting Requirements:

The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2004.

We, the City of Grayling employees, make every effort to provide top quality water to every City of Grayling water tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. In part of a continuing effort to protect our water sources the City of Grayling began the process of implementing a Wellhead protection program in 2003. A Wellhead protection program is a planning and management approach to protect groundwater supply systems from contamination by identifying and managing potential sources of contamination that can affect water supply wells.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, MI 49738, or this report can be viewed on the internet at [www.cityofgrayling.org](http://www.cityofgrayling.org). This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Council meetings are held the second and last Monday of each month, 7:30PM at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, MI 49738. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Chad Beckett at 989-348-2131 or send email to [dpw@cityofgrayling.org](mailto:dpw@cityofgrayling.org). For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF

GRAND TRAVERSE

HUNTINGTON NATIONAL

BANK, a National Banking

Association,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 05-24446CK

vs.

AUSABLE VALLEY

INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

GLEN R. CARLSON and

ROBERT L. BUTLER

Defendants.

PETER D. RHODES (P49515)

Attorney for Huntington National

Bank

Rhodes Law Office PC

PO Box 2271

Holland MI 49422

616-355-7318

TO: ROBERT L. BUTLER

Previously of 10333 Madison Avenue

Grayling, Michigan

You are being sued. The Court has authorized Plaintiff to serve you by alternative method. You have 21-days from May 25, 2005 to Answer or otherwise defend. Failure to answer or otherwise defend will result in the entry of a Default Judgment.

5-12-05

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Rhoades (P49515)

Attorney for Huntington National Bank

-19-26-2-9

### Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture;

1. Mortgage given by Timothy S. Janis and Barbara P. Janis, husband and wife, dated May 20, 1982 and recorded on May 20, 1982 in Liber 206 on pages 296 through 299 of the Crawford County Records; said Mortgage was subsequently assumed by Vanna L. Ward;

2. Mortgage given by Vanna L. Ward, dated February 24, 1987 and recorded on February 25, 1987 in Liber 258 on pages 74 through 77 of the Crawford County Records. The Mortgage was corrected and replaced by an Amended Mortgage dated June 15, 1987 and recorded on July 7, 1987 in Liber 263 on pages 463 through 466 of the Crawford County Records;

(all of the foregoing are collectively referred to as the "Mortgages")

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgages which is now Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven and 64/100 (\$70,387.64) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on June 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court.

The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 9% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale. The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Lot 3, Block 3, of KAREN WOODS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 1, on Page 44, of the Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: May 19, 2005

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PREPARED BY: JOHN R. TUCKER (P37348), WINEGARDEN, HALEY, LINDHOM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C., G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 (810) 767-3600

-19-26-2-9-16

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monte G. Malonen, Jr., a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2000, and recorded on December 5, 2000 in Liber 524 on Page 163, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two And 33/100 Dollars (\$18,942.33), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 29, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale!

Dated: May 12, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC R 248,593,1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Michigan State Housing

Development Authority, a Public body

corporate and politic, of the State of

Michigan

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #055607F01

THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND  
63/100 DOLLARS (\$139,336.63), INCLUDING  
INTEREST AT 8.15% PER ANNUM.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 29, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 619.3 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes West 711.66 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes East 178.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes East 711.51 feet; thence South 178.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 26, 2005  
For more information, please call:

FC H 248,593,1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National

Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest

Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed

Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-

R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing

Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005,

Without Recourse

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #056513F01

-19-26-2-9-2

329 S. Union Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
(231) 946-2420  
Wynan Friske  
6824 E. Fouch Road  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
(231)-947-3245

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### Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of a Judgement of Foreclosure of a certain land contract made on November 1, 2003, wherein Brian A. Shepherd and Colleen Shepherd, husband and wife, are the Vendees and RBR, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, is the Vendor.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place established by said Judgement for holding the foreclosure sale, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public auction, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Judgement of Foreclosure, together with allowable costs of the sale, the land and premises in said Judgement of Foreclosure mentioned and described as follows:

Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plan thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period from this sale shall expire six (6) months after the date of sale.

-26-2-9-16-23-30

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 29, 2005.

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Dated: May 26, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC W 248,593,1312

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

lender, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2003,

and recorded on May 5, 2003 in Liber 632 on Page 72, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and 19/100 Dollars (\$102,376.19), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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Dated: May 26, 2005

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
May 27, 1982

Michigan Dept. of Correction codes may cost Crawford County \$52,000 to add on a required indoor exercise room. County officials are handcuffed by state and federal codes mandating certain facilities at the jail. One inmate filed a suit against the county over jail conditions and several attorneys have complained about conditions for their clients in the Crawford County jail. The jail, only 11 years old, is already outdated because of the new state codes passed in 1975, new federal codes issued in 1980, and another set of proposed state codes due soon.

Thirty Crawford County residents were among the 125 competitors at the Area-4 Special Spring Olympics held at Ogemaw Heights High School in West Branch.

Kirtland Community college has entered the second phase of a three phase project to assist Weyerhaeuser Corporation in assessment, orientation, and training of their employees. Phase II is a cooperative effort between Weyerhaeuser, Kirtland faculty and staff, the Michigan Department of labor, and the Michigan Department of Education. the State Board of Education grant in the amount of \$14,189 and a State Department of labor grant in the amount of \$13,138, will be used to train new team leaders, production, and maintenance team members.

On May 13, Ruth Steffe and Century 21 River Country hosted an open house luncheon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B.E. Henig,

604 Peninsular Street. the private showing was arranged to acquaint local real estate brokers and associates with the Henig house. This one-of-a-kind home has had just two owners. It was built by Rasmus Hanson about 1890. the excellent detailed workmanship of yesteryear is still very much in evidence in every room today..

**46 Years Ago**

May 28, 1959

County Schools graduate 51. The senior class of Grayling High School numbering 41 strong will be graduated on Wednesday evening. The ten member 1959 Frederic High School senior class graduated on Tuesday evening of this week.

"Canoein," the luncheonette snack bar owned and operated by Mrs. Alfred Borchers with the assistance of her daughter Bonnie and son Butch, will be open this weekend to serve the public. The establishment is located at Stephan's Bridge on the south bank of the AuSable, at the site of the former AuSable Inn.

An accident in a 15 car wheel to wheel race on Sunday afternoon marred an otherwise almost perfect weekend of sports car racing at the Grayling McNamara Air Base last Saturday and Sunday. A Porsche RKS Spider driven by Dave Deubles of Glenview, Illinois, hit a curve at too fast of a speed and overturned. Deubles was thrown from his car as the other 14 sports cars roared on in a 30 mile race. He was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital with neck and chest

injuries and later transferred to Saginaw General Hospital.

The annual election for the Grayling School District Number One's Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 8, in the high school gymnasium. The terms of LeRoy Millikin and Melvin K. Neilon are expiring and they are rerunning for three year terms unopposed.

**69 Years Ago**

May 28, 1936

At a council meeting Monday evening, George Granger was engaged as city manager to succeed C. A. Miller, whose resignation takes place June 1st. This appointment is a fine recognition of one of Grayling's own young men. George Granger was born in Mississippi, coming here 27 years ago, and graduating from Grayling schools. After finishing school he went into the trucking business in which he made enough money for a start in college. He entered the civil engineering department of Michigan State College from which he graduated with honors.

At a meeting held Tuesday night the directors of the Golf Club elected the following officers: President Dr. C. R. Keyport; vice-president, E.J. Olson; secretary-treasurer, Wilhelm Raae.

Saturday morning the people of Grayling who saw the "Parade on Wheels" experienced a real thrill. Every type of costume and every type of wheel was in line. The boys and girls of Grayling have proved their creative ability and cleverness. It was a most difficult task for the judges to choose the prettiest, the most comical and the most clever. The winners of the prizes for the prettiest entries were Nelle Cary Walsh in a white

suit riding on a gaily decorated bicycle; Barbara Borchers' and Patsy Hope Heric as carnation girls on roller skates; and Emily Giegling as a Dutch girl in blue and white on a tricycle. The winners for the most comical were Jerry Barger as a tramp on roller skates; Bobby Smock and Bobby Bennett as a nursemaid and a baby in a buggy; and Rose Bishaw as a colored mammy pushing a cart. The prizes for the most clever were awarded to little Miss Clough who had her dog in her doll buggy; to Guinivere Trudeau and Eddy Cody dressed as a beautiful lion tamer in a white satin suit and a negro costume; and to the Case children who entered a lilac decorated wagon representing some of the antics of "Our Gang."

**92 Years Ago**

May 29, 1913

The work of making an official geological map of the Portage Lake military camp grounds is being pushed forward rapidly.

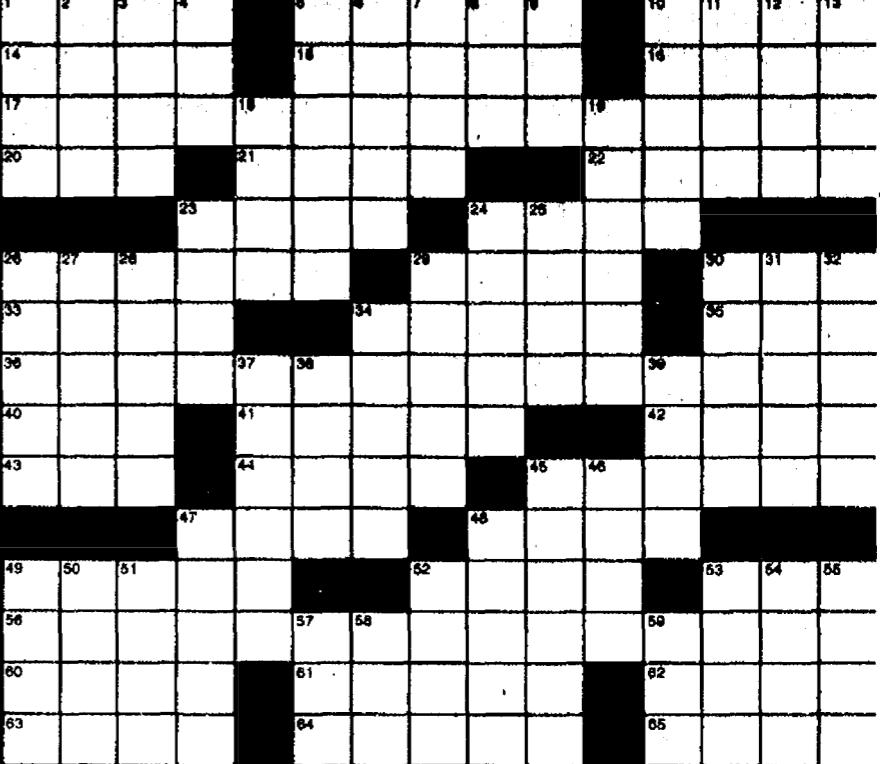
N.P. Olson has purchased the 40 acre farm belonging to Peter E. Johnson adjoining his on the south side.

About 10:30 a.m. of last Tuesday, the employees of the Grayling Wood Products Co. were suddenly startled by a terrific explosion that wrecked one of the huge retorts and its condenser, damaged the roof of the retort house and other minor damages in and about the premises.

Frederic Township is advertising for bids for the building of a new town hall in Frederic village.

Fifty thousand grayling arrived from the commissioner on Tuesday and were planted in the spring brook on lands owned by W.B. Mershon at Lovells.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Drescher, Joy in The Beautician and the Beast.
- Milt oath.
- 1985 film starring Cher.
- Olin, Josephine in Chocolat.
- Third digits of the hands.
- Gruning, Mrs. Leuchtag in Casablanca.
- 1996 film starring Will Smith.
- It Forward.
- Years, Mine &.
- Person related on mother's side.
- Postlethwaite, Holabird in Aristad.
- Units of weight in India.
- Treat with air.
- Wide opening.
- Marie Saint, Nell in Raintree Country.
- A Is Born.
- Nicolodi, Laura in Macaroni.
- .001 of an inch.
- Played Aurora in Terms of Endearment.
- South American three-toed sloths.
- Pertaining to birds.
- Father of Manawayan.
- Age, 2002 film featuring voice of Ray Romano.
- Bob \_\_\_, comedian who had a cameo in Joe Dirt.
- Reduce to liquid again.
- Saxile respiratory organ.
- Sorvino, Linda in Mighty Aphrodite.
- Bob & \_\_ & Ted & Alice.
- Sound, healthy.
- Light, flightless, ratite bird.
- 1995 film starring Nicholas Cage.
- Border formed by a fillet.
- Toughen; harden.
- Hoglike mammal of New Guinea.
- Colored hair.
- Who's Coming to Dinner?
- Raised.

### DOWN

- Wilson, the reverend in Uptown Saturday Night.
- Sofer, Rachel in Keeping the Faith.
- Garcia, Terry in Ocean's

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT-A-PET



This smiling guy is Grizz. He is a Collie-Chow mix (we believe) who is, at the most, a year old, and neutered. He is very friendly, loves kids and women, but is a bit timid around men. We're working on that! He is also good with other dogs and does not appear to mind having cats around. If you would like to give Grizz a loving home, stop by the shelter and meet him today!

For information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.acsc.petfinder.com](http://www.acsc.petfinder.com)

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Janet Andrews at Northern Tails Grooming 989-344-9999.

Dogopoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank, The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors, Chamber of Commerce and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Betw the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

| WEATHER                          |               |    |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----|
| Courtesy of the City of Grayling |               |    |
| Last Week                        |               |    |
| Date                             | H             | L  |
| 5/18                             | 61            | 28 |
| 5/19                             | 69            | 43 |
| 5/20                             | 57            | 32 |
| 5/21                             | 73            | 33 |
| 5/22                             | 76            | 39 |
| 5/23                             | 63            | 46 |
| 5/24                             | 60            | 43 |
|                                  | Rain          |    |
|                                  | T-Shower      |    |
|                                  | Showers       |    |
|                                  | Shower        |    |
|                                  | Partly Cloudy |    |
|                                  | Few Showers   |    |

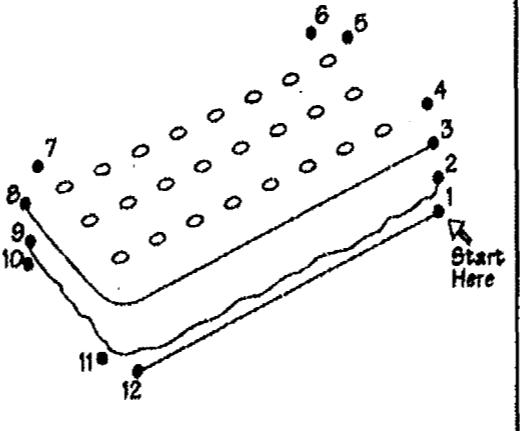
**AND THE TWINS**  
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

PREHEAT greased grill to medium-hot heat. Set aside 1/3 cup of the dressing for salad. Brush remaining dressing lightly over 1 side of steak and inside of yellow peppers. Grill steak and peppers 10 min., turning steak after 5 min. (peppers do not need turning) for medium-rare or longer to desired doneness.

## DID YOU KNOW??

Playing cards were issued to British pilots in WWII. If they were captured, the cards could be soaked in water and unfloated to reveal a map for escaped.

## CONNECT the dots

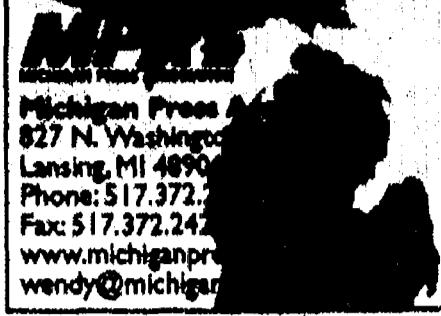


MEANWHILE, arrange greens, tomatoes and onion on 4 serving plates. Cut steak across grain into thin slices and yellow peppers into strips; arrange over greens. Drizzle reserved 1/3 cup dressing over salads.

**HOROSCOPES**  
For the Week of May 26, 2005

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| <b>ARIES</b><br>You receive a financial offer. As tempting as it might seem, you may not want to invest in it until you have an expert look it over. There may be some problems with it.<br><br>March 22-July 19 | <b>TAURUS</b><br>Warning, Taurus! Someone may be setting you up to take a fall—don't take the bait. Travel plans begin to unravel. Take steps to get them back on track.<br><br>April 20-May 20 | <b>CANCER</b><br>Someone who has been watching you for a while finally acknowledges your talents. Enjoy the kudos. A present livens up your week.<br><br>June 22-July 22   | <b>LEO</b><br>Your idea may pale in comparison to the others on the table, but you've got what it takes to get the ball rolling. Step up and make yourself heard.<br><br>August 23-September 22                     | <b>LIBRA</b><br>You're such a card, Scorpio! Put your humor to good use to lift a friend's spirits. A financial windfall fattens your bank account. Spend it wisely.<br><br>October 23-November 21 | <b>SCORPIO</b><br>Not feeling like your usual chipper self, Sagittarius? You may just need more rest, or it could be a sign of something more serious. Make a doctor's appointment to find out.<br><br>November 22-December 21 |
| <b>Capricorn</b><br>Your house is out of control, Aquarius. Every room has become a clumping ground for the stuff your relatives no longer want. Stop the madness now.<br><br>January 20-June 18                 | <b>PISCES</b><br>Your flair for understated elegance is appreciated by all of those who attend a social affair. A nasty rumor begins to circulate—put an end to it now.<br><br>May 21-June 21   | <b>WATER SIGN</b><br>An acquaintance is reduced to tears by an offhand remark. Pass them the tissue box and offer your support. Romance sparkles.<br><br>July 22-August 21 | <b>Fire Sign</b><br>Privacy is in short supply. Every time you try to get some time to yourself, someone drops by. Be selfish. Ignore the doorbell and pretend like you're not home.<br><br>September 22-October 21 | <b>EARTH SIGN</b><br>Your financial offer is reduced to tears by an offhand remark. Pass them the tissue box and offer your support. Romance sparkles.<br><br>November 22-December 21              | <b>AIR SIGN</b><br>Your financial offer is reduced to tears by an offhand remark. Pass them the tissue box and offer your support. Romance sparkles.<br><br>January 20-June 18                                                 |

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## Wellington Farm Park 2005 Events Calendar

DON'T MISS THESE  
VERY SPECIAL EVENTS:

### MAY

- 21~ Farm Market Opens  
27~ Farm Opens for Season  
27-30~ Grand Garage Sale

### JUNE

- 11-12~ French & Indian War Re-enactment  
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First baseman Ryan Davis catches a pick-off throw from the pitcher during Monday's series vs. TCSF.

## Vikings split with Ogemaw

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game. This was a good day for us."

Offensive leaders for Grayling vs. Ogemaw included: (game one) Etzler, 1 for 3 (HR), 1 RBI, 1 run; Tobin, 2 for 3 (1 HR), 1

RBI; 2 runs, 2 steals; Metzler, 1 for 4 (double), 1 run; Davis, 2 for 2, 2 steals, 1 run; Josh Mastej, 1 RBI, 1 sacrifice, 1 steal; Alex McNamara, 1 for 3, 1 run; (game two) Etzler, 1 for 2 (double); Tobin, 1 for 3, 1 run, 2 steals; Metzler, 1 for 3, 1 run; Davis, 1 for 3 (HR), 3 RBI, 1 run; Mastej, 1 for 3, 1 run; Ronnie Johnston, 1 for 2, 1 run; Schneider, 1 for 3, 1 RBI; McNamara, 1 for 3, 1 run.

On Wednesday, Traverse City St. Francis took both games of a doubleheader at GHS by scores of 7-5 (in extra innings) and 4-0.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: (game one) Etzler, 1 for 4, 1 run, 1 steal; Tobin, 2 for 3 (1 double), 3 runs, 1 steal; Metzler, 2 for 4, 1 steal; Davis, 2 for 4, 2 RBI; Johnston, 1 for 3; (game two) Etzler, 1 for 2; Tobin, 1 for 2; Metzler, 1 for 3 (double); Davis, 2 for 3; Mastej, 1 for 3;

Johnston, 1 for 3; McNamara, 1 for 3.

Metzler pitched game one. Etzler pitched in game two and had seven strikeouts with three hits allowed and four walks in six innings.

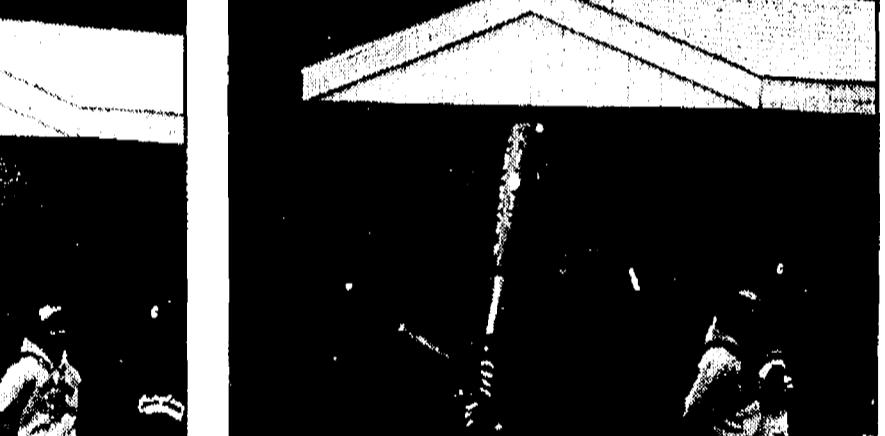
"Our pitchers were great today. We just had too many boots to win. We out hit St. Francis in both games but left too many runners stranded. It's tough to be successful when you strand nine runners on base as we did in game two," Coach Brock said. "Still, our 1-4 hitters had at least one hit in each game and that is something that we can build on. St. Francis is a good team who is hot right now, but we should have beaten them today. They played fundamentally sound on defense, committing only one error on the night. We had nine errors today and that made all the difference."

On Saturday, June 4, the Vikings will host Cadillac in a district semi-final game at 12 noon. The winner will face Harrison or Houghton Lake in the district championship game at 2 p.m.

Josh Mastej leads off at first base against Ogemaw Heights on Wednesday.

## Photos by Caleb Casey

JC Schneider bats against Traverse City St. Francis on Monday.



Derek Etzler (left) and Derek Johnston (right) bat for Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Monday night.

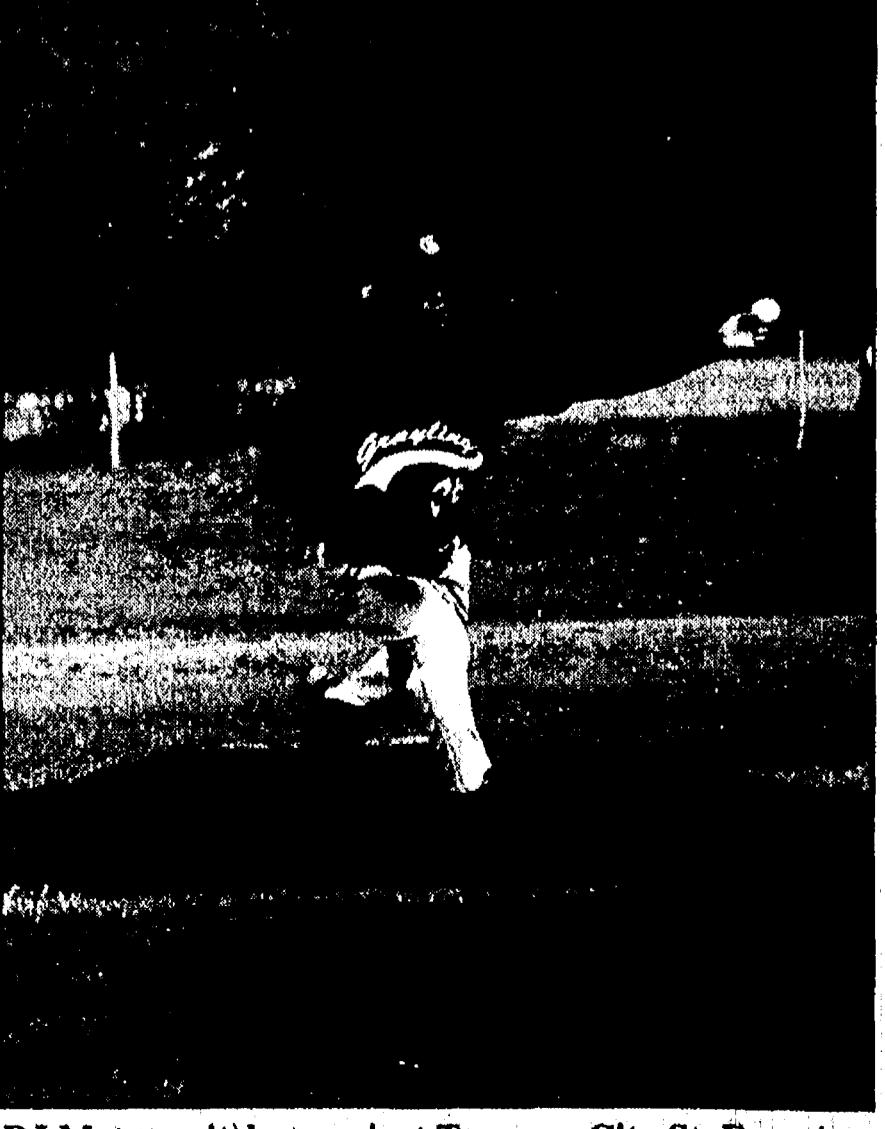
## Heads Up North

### Viking of the Week



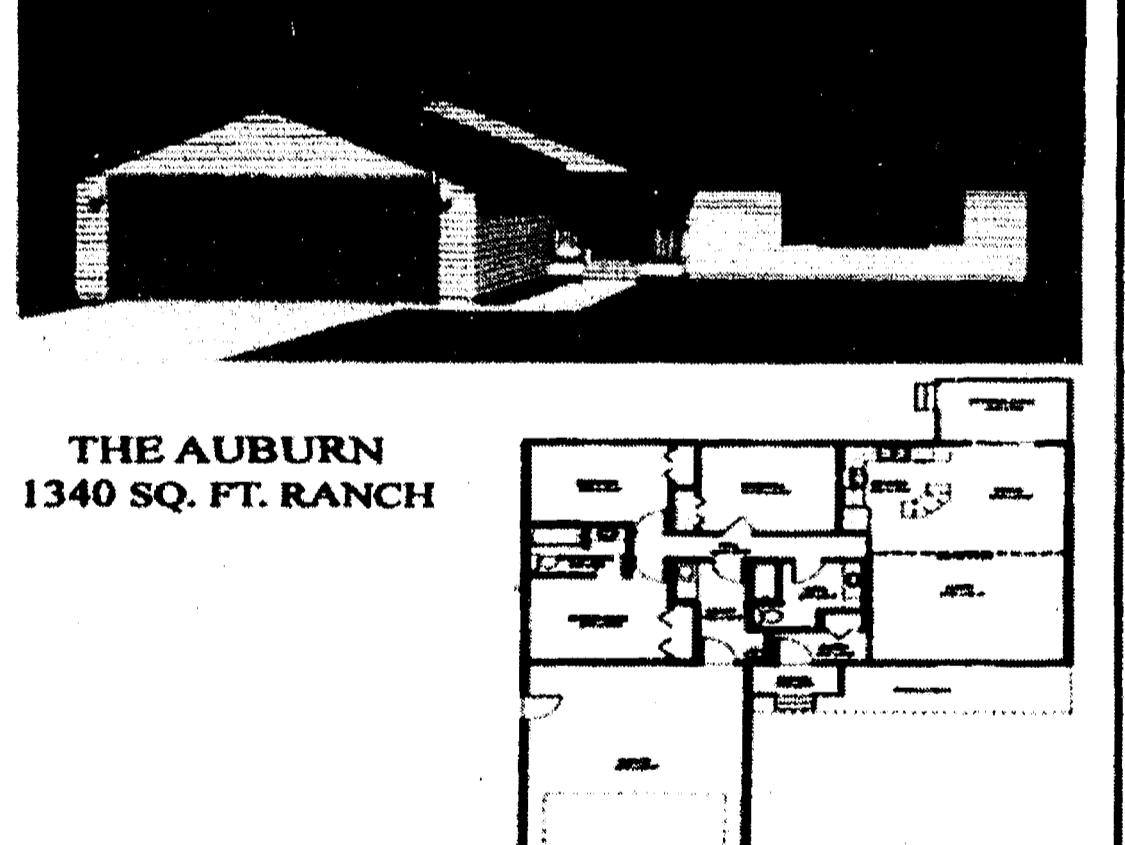
Varsity Baseball  
Coach: Ben Brock  
**RYAN DAVIS**

"Ryan had seven hits in four games this week. He had a home run, double, and 4 RBI in the four-game stretch. He is crushing the ball now and is almost fully recovered from his broken wrist. He makes all the difference for us when he is in the lineup. Ryan makes it so that other pitchers have to pitch to DJ Metzler and that is making the top of our lineup very tough," his coach said. Ryan is batting .391 this season.



DJ Metzler pitches against Traverse City St. Francis.

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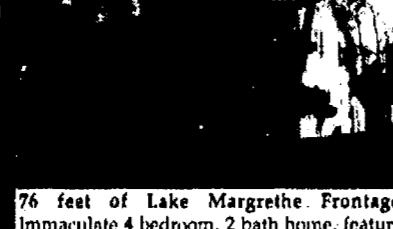
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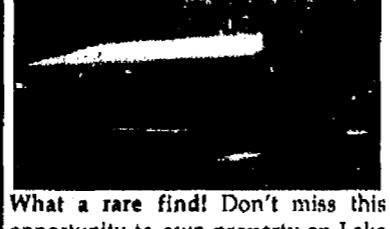
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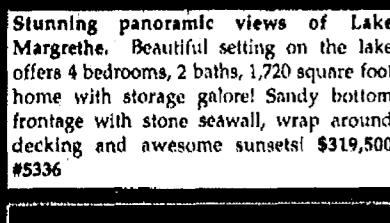
1600' on Big Creek, 40 Acres of majestic property bordering State Land on 3 sides. 37x60 Barn/Steel horse barn, 24x60 outbuilding with a 24x24 heated work area, and a 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Home features master bedroom with sauna and private bath.



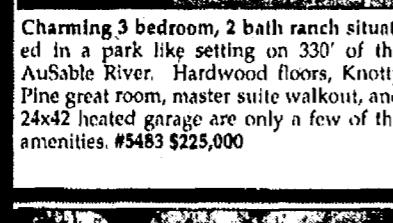
76 feet of Lake Margrethe Frontage. Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, featuring all Cedar bedrooms, fireplace, bar, 8x8 foot windows overlooking the lake, partial basement and 2 car garage. Enjoy the breath taking sunsets on Grayling's finest lake.



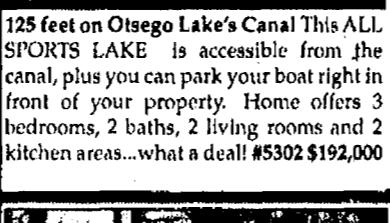
What a rare find! Don't miss this opportunity to own property on Lake Margrethe. This 3 bedroom home is very neat and clean and features a great brick fireplace, and a large deck and more. \$335,000 #5497



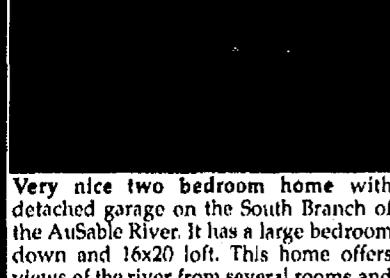
Stunning panoramic views of Lake Margrethe. Beautiful setting on the lake offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,720 square foot home with storage galore! Sandy bottom frontage with stone seawall, wrap around decking and awesome sunsets! \$319,500 #5336



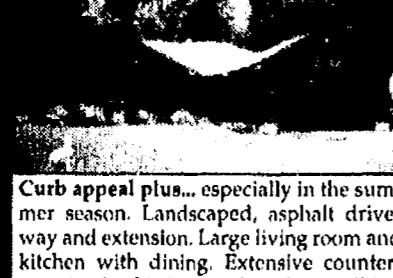
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch situated in a park like setting on 330' of the AuSable River. Hardwood floors, Knotty Pine great room, master suite walkout, and 24x42 heated garage are only a few of the amenities. #5483 \$225,000



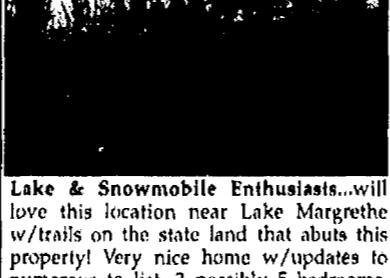
125 feet on Osego Lake's Canal This ALL SPORTS LAKE is accessible from the canal, plus you can park your boat right in front of your property. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living rooms and 2 kitchen areas...what a deal! #5302 \$192,000



Very nice two bedroom home with detached garage on the South Branch of the AuSable River. It has a large bedroom down and 16x20 loft. This home offers views of the river from several rooms and has a deck for outdoor entertaining on the river side. \$174,500 #5490



Curb appeal plus... especially in the summer season. Landscaped, asphalt driveway and extension. Large living room and kitchen with dining. Extensive countertops in the kitchen and within walking distance to Lake Margrethe. #5339 \$155,400



Lake & Snowmobile Enthusiast...will love this location near Lake Margrethe w/trails on the state land that abuts this property! Very nice home w/updates to numerous to list. 3 possibly 5 bedrooms, open living room/kitchen/dining area, plus family room. #5429 \$127,500

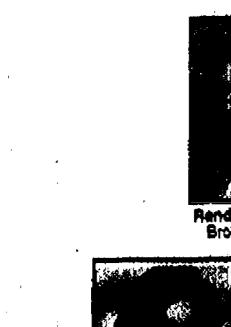


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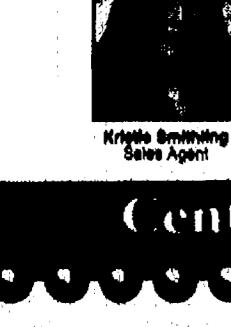
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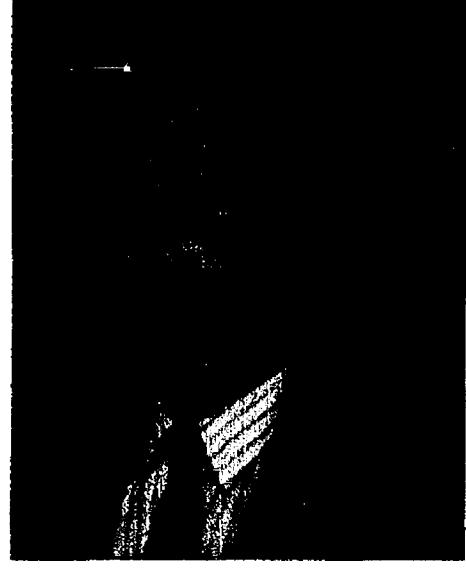
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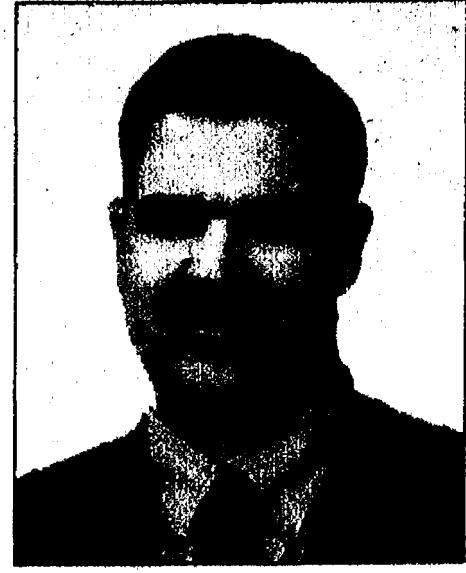
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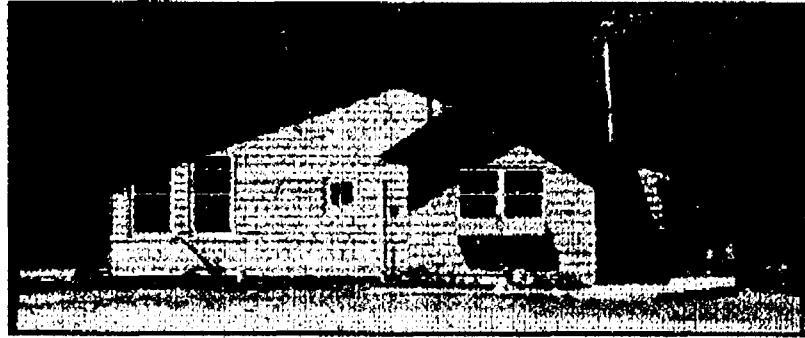
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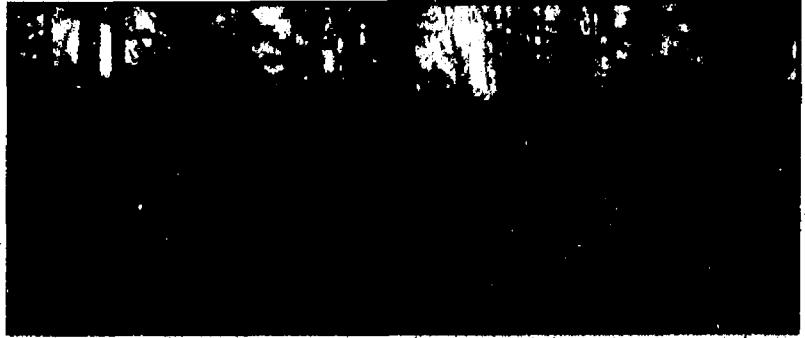
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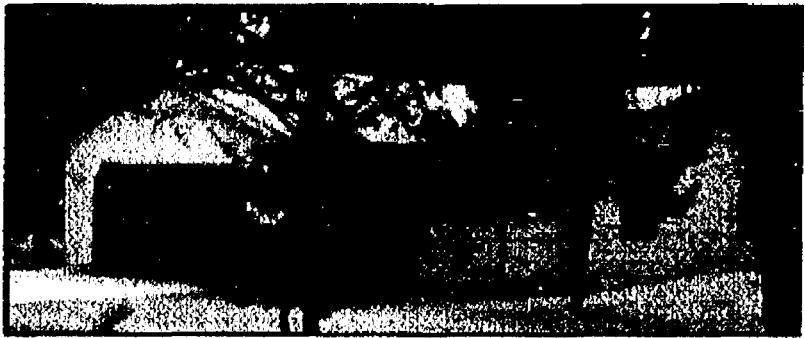
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**WELL-MAINTAINED COUNTRY HOME** Semi-secluded, complete with a large pond and frontage on the East Branch of the AuSable River. Oak trim throughout the home, which also has a generator back-up system. Property has an additional "family camping area," fire pit and many extras. Attached insulated garage. **TS-1985 \$155,000**



**LAKE MARGRETHE FRONTAGE IN A BEAUTIFUL WELL MAINTAINED PRIVATE PARK** Cost includes one share of association ownership. This mobile is fully furnished and just like brand new. Must see to appreciate. Sale also includes a 1995 20' Manitou Pontoon boat with a 48 hp Johnson motor with a new full cover. **TS-2024 \$65,000**



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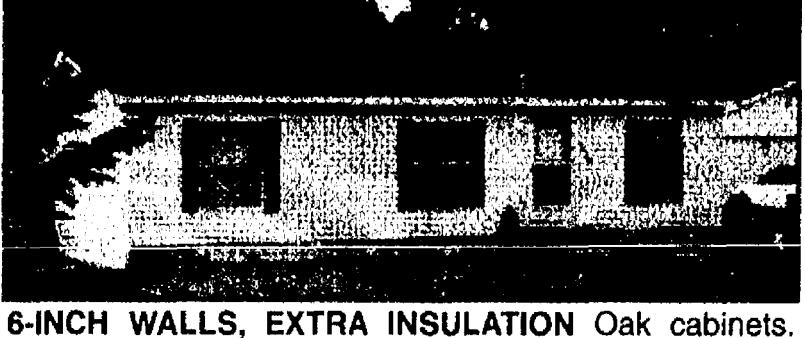
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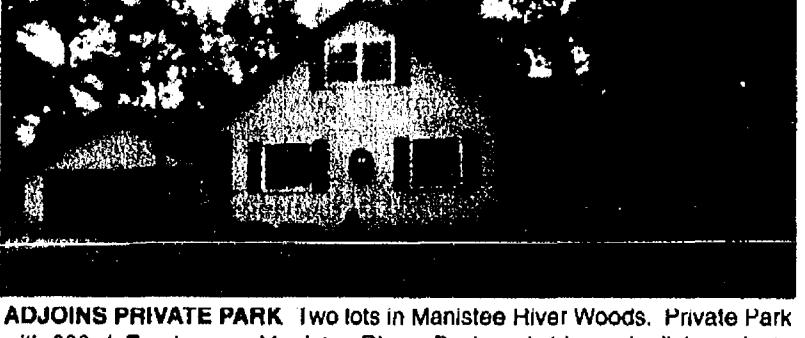
**10 ACRES USABLE RIVER FRONT - WHAT A QUIET AND PEACEFUL SETTING!** This 4 BR, 2 bath home is set in a beautiful location in the woods. Lots of wildlife. There is also a screened in Gazebo that overlooks the AuSable River. Home is complete with a fireplace and hot tub and there is lots of room for everyone to relax and enjoy themselves. Beautifully landscaped. **TS-2111 \$185,000**



**JUST BLOCKS FROM BEAR LAKE** This 3 BR home with 1 1/2 car heated garage, stone fireplace, Pergo floors, 2 year old roof, and large covered porch. Located at end of private drive, in the heart of the Snow Belt. Great place for snowmobiling right from your home, trails go in just about all directions. Bear Lake, an all-sports lake, is known as one of the cleanest and clearest lakes around. **DB-2055 \$79,500**



**6-INCH WALLS, EXTRA INSULATION** Oak cabinets. Close to town. This newer home is in excellent condition and has a lot of potential. Located on a large lot on a paved street. Very energy efficient. Good neighborhood. Great value for the price. **TS-1891 \$77,900**



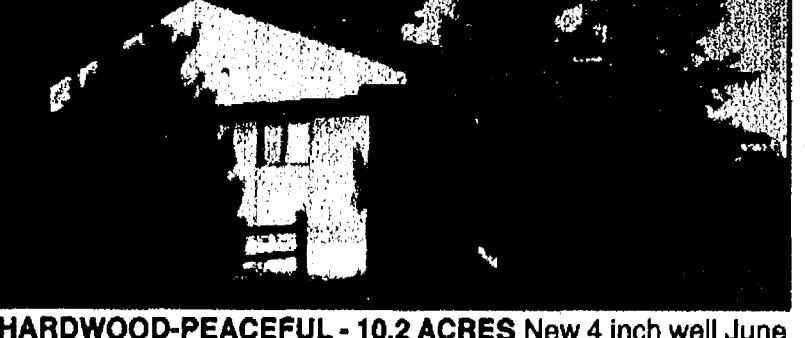
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**WOULD MAKE A NICE STARTER HOME OR GREAT CABIN** New garage, new septic and new roof in 2003. Also a new well. Easy access from I-75. Home is well insulated and ready to move into. Plenty of storage room. **TS-2051 \$89,900**



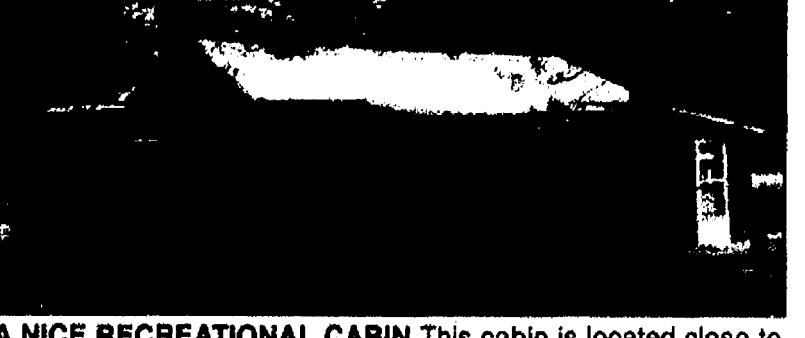
**HARDWOOD-PEACEFUL - 10.2 ACRES** New 4 inch well June 2004. A great recreational cabin. Very close to State land. Very well maintained. Comes furnished. Ready to start enjoying the Great Up North. "Clean Neat" and in a great location would best describe this property. **TS-1959 \$85,000**



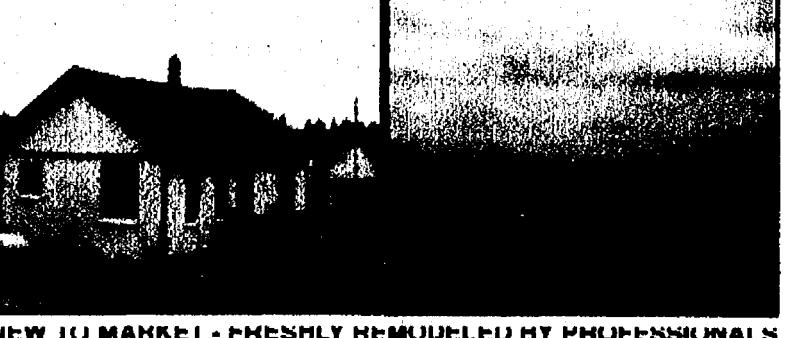
**HISTORIC 3BR, 1 BATH HOME IN TOWN W/PARLOR & SUNROOM** Hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, 10' ceilings, stained glass windows and a full basement. Situated on a corner lot, close to schools, library and the downtown, 2 car garage. **DB-2062 \$79,900**



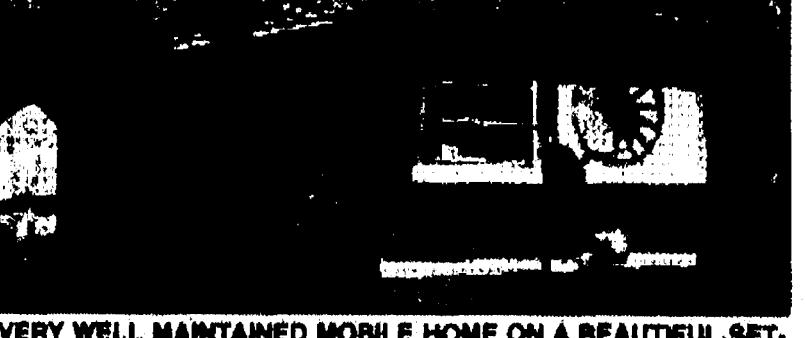
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**NEW TO MARKET 3BR, 2 1/2 bath w/basement on 3.6 acre back by State Game Refuge.** Located on one of the nicest areas close to town. Home was built with high efficiency low maintenance in mind. Featuring 2 car attached garage, a 32 x 40 detached garage w/16' walls drive thru doors for the snowmobile, great for the big boat or R.V. + a dog building with covered run and its own mini septic tank for 1-2 dogs. **DB-2128 \$189,900**



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**CLASS A TRUCK DRIVERS** for route deliveries. Apply in person at Arctic Glacier, 427 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (-19-26/3)

**PART-TIME ICE CREAM** merchandiser needed in Grayling, \$10/hr. Send resume to: J&S Dairy, 2440 Dairy Square, Traverse City, MI 49686. (-19-26/3)

**HELP WANTED**, please apply in person at 471 Stephan Bridge Rd., seasonal kitchen opening. (-19-26/3)

**EXPERIENCED WELDERS/FABRICATORS** for local manufacturing facility. Exceptional benefit package, paid vacation & holidays with excellent working conditions. Qualified applicants can send resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 747, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26/3)

**THE OLE BARN** is accepting applications for wait staff, must be dependable. Apply in person after 3 p.m. (-26/3)

**FRONT DESK/CLERICAL POSITION** The R.A. MacMullan Conference Center is looking for highly energetic individual who enjoys serving people and the challenge of working in the hospitality industry. Position requires some clerical skills including typing, filing, and telephone. Computer skills are a plus. Various shifts/part-time. Pay starts at \$7.65/hour. Send resume to the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center, 104 Conservation Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-26/2/3)

**HIRING SEASONAL MAINTENANCE & repair workers** for large horse farm in Grayling area. Call 989-233-0736 or 989-348-2346. (-19-26/3)

**CDL A DRIVER, Gaylord Area.** Local delivery, driving 24' flatbed boom with pup for local delivery of drywall. Must be able to use stick shift trucks with air brakes. Job includes putting drywall into jobs. Benefits, 401, vacation, weekends off. Must have clean driving record & pass drug screen. Home Acres Building Supply, 2855 D&M Drive, Gaylord, MI. 989-731-5483. (-26/2/3)

**FULLTIME RECEPTIONIST/Administrative Assistant Position Available** for growing company. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Job duties include but not limited to: answering phones, filing, faxing, frequent letter writing, bid letters, job tracking, ordering office supplies and basic office duties. Please send resume to: Attn: EZB, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26/2/3)

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**X RAY TECHNICIAN** The Michigan Department of Corrections is looking for individuals to fill X Ray Tech positions in the Munising, Manistee, Marquette, Standish and Ironwood areas. The positions are part time, approximately 4 hours per week. Candidates must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen, TB test and criminal history check. Candidates must possess a Michigan license. Submit resumes to: Ron Van Sumeren, 4657 West Industrial Park Drive, Kincheloe, MI 49788. A drug free and equal opportunity employer. (-26/3)

**HEATHER'S DAY CARE** has 2 immediate full time openings ages 0 and up. State licensed, CPR & first aid certified. Breakfast, lunch & snack provided. FIA payments accepted. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. 989-348-9058 or 989-390-2367. (-19-26/4)

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**Brenda Lake, Business Manager, 201 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738 FAX (989) 348-0047**

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**FOURTEEN FOOT 2001 STARCRAFT** boat with 9.9 hp Mercury motor and trailer. Lots of other goodies. Never in the water, \$3750. 348-4304. (-19-26/5)

**2002 TRAILLITE**, weighs less than 4,000 lbs., 26 foot with a slide, sleeps 6, air conditioning, stove, microwave, CD/FM stereo, full bath, includes shower, used by nonsmokers, \$10,000. 989-786-1046. (-26-2/5)

**KENMORE WASHER & gas dryer**, \$200 for both. Round glass & wrought iron kitchen set, almost new, paid \$800, asking \$300. 989-348-9354. (-26/5)

**2 TIERED BEVELED GLASS** entertainment center, Philips Surround Sound System, Technics Phono, Toshiba video, Lowrey 'Genie' organ, sofa bed, glass/brass tea cart, glass/brass coffee table, call 989-275-4845. (-26/5)

**1979 DOLPHIN PONTOON**, 20 ft., on trailer, 40H and 70H motors, \$1500. 989-348-6490. (-26-2/5)

### 3. Employment

The City of Grayling is accepting applications for a custodian. The position is 40 hours per week with benefits to work during business and non-business hours. Starting wage is \$8.53 per hour. The applicant must be able to pass a Michigan State Police background check. For further information, contact Chad Beckett at the City Office at 989-348-2131 or dpw@cityofgrayling.org. Application Deadline: June 1, 2005.

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Fax 231-779-9554

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and

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in the Special Education Dept.

Send your letter of interest and resume to:

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P.O. Box 827  
Roscommon, MI 48653

**AUCTION!** May 28, 10 a.m., Mio, Perry Creek & M-33, Jukebox, arcade & other coin-operated, Coca Cola, Pepsi & other soda jerk items, vintage advertising signs & items, toys, Northwood, Heisey, depression & other glass, pottery, yellow ware, furniture and more. View only, Lets Talk Auction Co., 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-26/5)

**PONTOON**, 35 HP Johnson, runs good, \$1200. 348-3582 or 248-549-5283. (-26-2/5)

**MOVING SALE**: Green full size leather couch, \$600, tan leather recliner, \$175, 30"X60" glass & wood coffee table, \$150, 4.8 cu. ft. freezer, \$190, new cost, \$2400, take all for \$1000. All in new condition, 989-348-2013. (-26-2/5)

**1995 MANITOU** 24 ft. pontoon boat. 60 HP Marine engine, power tilt & trim, low hours, changing station with porta potty, fish finder, bimini top, seat covers, great shape, \$4800. Electric hoist & trailer available, extra. 989-348-4443 or 989-614-1125. (05/26/05tf/5)

**2002 VIKING CAMPER** 19' screen room, awning, seldom used. 248-830-9521, 989-348-8230. \$3995. (-26-2-6-16/5)

### 6. Wanted

**WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES** top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

**COTTAGE FURNITURE WANTED**- Rittenhouse, habitat or rustic furniture. Call 248-932-8709 (-28-12-26-9-23-7-21-4-18-1-15-29-13-27/6)

**PRIOR SERVICE WANTED** from all branches of service to join the Michigan Army National Guard. Offering: \$15,000 to stay in previous job skill. Pay for weekend drill (E-5 with 6 years in \$294). College benefits (Montgomery G.I. Bill, 100% federal tuition assistance, state reimbursement). Pay up to \$20,000 of student loans. Earn towards retirement after 20 years of service. For more information please call SFC James Amy at 989-348-5397. (-5-12-19-26/6)

**BASKET WEAVER** to do a new rim on a hamper, 348-6592. (-19-26/6)

**CAMERA FLASH** for manual Pentex. Call Michael at 989-348-7463, afternoons. (-19-26/6)

**4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS** for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

**KOEDEL DETROIT STYLE CONEYS** \$1.45 on Mondays. Huge sandwiches. Full-line Stash Teas, \$3.19. Bloomin Grape Deli. 989-344-2221 (Ace Hardware Complex). (3/10/05tf/8)

**ALL YOU CAN EAT** luncheon; Thursday, June 2, 11-1 p.m. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Cost is \$5. Take outs available. (-26/8)

**AS OF JUNE 3RD** the Eagle's fish fry will be held on the first Friday of each month. (-26/2/8)

### 9. Personals

**LOST BLACK LAB**: 612, just east of I-75, reward offered. Call 989-344-7666. (-26/9)

### 10. Garage Sales

**700 PLUM AND LAKE**, Thursday-Monday, 9-5:30. Crafts, Barbies, books, Taco Dogs, NASCAR, Star Trek, X-Files, Elvis stuff, movies, games, albums, comics, piano books, turtle toys, sport cards, clothes. (-26/10)

**YARD SALE**- 27-28-29, something for everyone! 5139 M-72 East, 1 mile past Wakeley Bridge Rd., 9-4. (-26/10)

**MULTIPLE FAMILY GARAGE SALE**- Crawford AuSable Day Care & Preschool, May 28 & 29, hours 9-5, 6989 Old Lake Rd. (-26/10)

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### 3. Employment

#### SECRETARY

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is seeking a FT Secretary who will be located in the Grayling office. This person is responsible for all secretarial duties for both Grayling and Cadillac locations. A major responsibility is for the incoming telephone calls to the branch. A variety of clerical duties including minutes, graphs, development of forms, ads, meeting prep, travel arrangements, and exceptional filing ability. The successful candidate must have excellent interpersonal and telephone skills, be organized, and detail oriented. Ability to multi-task daily and take direction from various levels of management. Word processing skills of 60+ and a minimum of 1 year post secondary education, preferably in secretarial science.

Candidates may fax resume to:  
Brenda Lake, Business & Facilities Manager  
989-348-0047, or by calling 989-348-0044  
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### Whispering Pines

### Grayling Pines

### Annual Yard Sale:

595 Meadows Drive

May 28 ~ 10-4

May 29 ~ 10-4

May 30 ~ 10-2

### Memorial Day

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed

Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day, and will reopen

at 9 am Tuesday, May 31.

The deadline for display ads for the June 2 issue

is Thursday, May 26, 5 pm. Letters to the Editor and

photographs must be submitted by noon Friday,

May 27. Classified ads by the word must be turned

in by Tuesday, May 31 noon.

### AVALANCHE

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### WAY BIG YARD SALE!

Ski-X Country, downhill, boots & poles, yard tools, electronics, books, puzzles, furniture, holiday, Jr. Miss 3-4, womens 1-3X, bowling balls, household, much more. 27, 28, 29, 8-4. Last day-make offer, everything must go! 2227 W. Co. Rd. 612, 1/4 miles west of Hartwick Pines Rd. (-26/10)

### MULTI HOUSEHOLD

May 27, 28, 29, 30, 9 to 5. Furniture, household items, clothes, 118 Woodleaf Dr. (-26/10)

### GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, May 27 & 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Household items, sleeping bags, games, puzzles, men & ladies clothing and much more. North Down River Road, to Wilcox Bridge, to 3610 Jones Lake Rd. (-26/10)

### GREAT STUFF, DON'T MISS

West M-72, McIntyre Landing Rd. Saturday, May 28th. (-26/10)

### FUND RAISER GARAGE SALE

Memorial weekend, May 28, 29 and 30, 9 to 5. Many items donated by family and friends. Dryer, couches, chairs, tables, kitchen furniture, old records, TV, VCR's, you name it, we probably have it. All proceeds go to help Trisha Petersen to attend the Junior Nationals Basketball Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Take M-72 East to Wakeley Bridge Rd., about 2 1/2 miles down off Gemini Rd., follow signs. (-26/10)

### 7TH ANNUAL RHUBARB SOCIAL

Sunday, May 29th, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Gospel Bluegrass, Country Music. Rhubarb desserts and whole pies available. Located at Bear Lake Christian Church, on M-72 between Grayling and Kalkaska. (-26/10)

### GARAGE SALE

at 744 South Roberts Rd. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10-4. Princess House Crystal and much more. A portion of proceeds goes toward sending books to Ghana. (-26/10)

### 8. Announcements

### MOOSE PUB NOW OPEN

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Monday, May 30

**GARAGE SALE:** May 27-30, 2005, 9-7, 1,000's of items. 6845 Morris Trail, Lovell's, 1/2 mile east past Cain's gas station, turn right and follow signs. No early sales! (-26/10)

**ESTATE SALE** of Robert & Susan Keene, May 28, 29, 30, 8802 Peterson, Frederic. Tools, antiques, furniture, household items, vending machines, 13 Anderson windows, many life-long collected items. 8-5 rain or shine. Everything must sell. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** 8:00 a.m.-?, Friday and Saturday, May 27-28, loads of household goodies, old MI license plates, canning jars, VCR with remote, bread machine, Blue Willow, Star Trek collectibles, Corelle, great garage stuff, more! 220 Evergreen Drive, rain or shine. (-26/10)

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,** May 27, 28, 29, 9-5. Lots of goodies. Take 4 Mile to Old 27, go 2 3/4 mile, follow signs. (-26/10)

**NEIGHBORHOOD SALE,** Saturday-Sunday, 10-4. 8 miles west of Grayling on 72, watch for signs. (-26/10)

**REALLY BIG SALE,** May 28, 9-5. Contents of electric shop & antique shop. Car, truck, 5 boats, tables, chairs, tools, books, glass, electronics, lamps, plumbing, pipe fittings. Corner of Chestnut & Ottawa, Grayling. (-26/10)

**MAY 28-29,** 5261 W. Dort, north side, Higgins Lake. Fishing, household, electronics, yard. (-26/10).

**MULTIPLE FAMILY GARAGE SALE** at 105 Jeannette St. in Clough's Highland Acres subdivision. Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clothing, 4,000 watt gas generator, scrapbook supplies, Christmas decorations, lots of used Pampered Chef items & lots of miscellaneous. (-26/10)

**3 FAMILY** furniture, tools, clothing, household goods, lots of miscellaneous. Friday-Saturday, 9-4, Sunday, 10-2. 5928 Suzanne. (-26/10)

**MOVING SALE:** 4501 Skyline, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: 989-275-4882. Household goods, tools, hunting equipment, miscellaneous items. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 27 thru May 30. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** Rain or shine, 27-28, 9-5, Sunday, 29, 10-2. ATV, small trailer, tools, XL clothes, Ford transmission, lots of miscellaneous. 2387 Sandy Tr., 7 miles E. of Grayling off M-72. (-26/10)

**3 FAMILY TENT SALE:** tools, log furniture, car parts, kids stuff, too much to list. 9705 Sherman Rd. Friday, 27, Saturday, 28, Sunday, 29, 9-5. (-26/10)

**5 FAMILY,** 72 E., 2 miles east, right hand side. Rain or shine. Bike, children & adult clothes, parrot & cage tower, glassware, speakers, movies, toys, comic books, sewing items, crafts, etc. Sat & Sun, rain or shine. (-26/10)

**1ST TIME.** 1810 W. Nighthawk, off Headquarters Road. 2 households reduced to 1. Friday-Sunday, May 27-29, 9-4. Radial arm saw, bedside tables, lots of house wares, too much to tell, priced to sell! (-26/10)

**HUGE MOVING SALE,** 810 Plum St. All weekend, rain or shine. Everything must go! (-26/10)

**MOVING SALE:** 402 Peninsular Ave., behind Citizens Bank. Saturday, 10-4, Sunday, 11-3. Kerosene heater, TV's, clothes, PS/Nintendo/Super unit and games, bikes, treadmill, and much more. (-26/10)

**MAY 28-30,** 9-5, 10185 N. Roberts, Frederic. Baby items, household, clothing, furniture, little tikes toys. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE,** May 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 1048 S. AuSable Trail. Antique table, China cabinet, Blaze King wood stove, many other items. Rain or Shine. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** 221 Dale St., North from North Down River Rd. Wednesday, May 25 thru May 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Men's Columbia Classic bike, Homelite weed trimmer (new), used twice, cook books, baskets, new make-up, Christmas items, solid brass deer, men's clothing (large-3X), women's clothing and shoes (some new), mink stole, rugs, afghans, blankets, linens, etc. Kitchen ware, small appliances, portable dog kennel, antiques, collectible dolls, jewelry and many other items, everything very clean. (-26/10)

**MOVING SALE:** 9415 Lincoln Park Blvd. on Eagle Point off M-72 West. Lots of useful furniture, antiques, old and new, handyman's dream, tools, fix-it-up supplies, bikes, auto accessories, cookbooks, kitchen appliances, electronics, wall hangings, everything priced to sell. May 28, 29, 30. 989-348-7439. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** 185 Easter Drive, off Roberts Road. Small chest freezer, new, used 6 months, large dining room table with 2 leaves and 6 captain's chairs, kitchen table, tons of craft items, glasses, women's clothes size medium & large, lots and lots of miscellaneous items. Saturday & Sunday, 8 to 5. (-26/10)

**HUGE BASEMENT SALE!** May 28 & 29, 9-5 p.m. 9625 Crooked Trail, S. of Lovells N. Down River to Lovells Rd., F-97, N. 1 mile to Crooked Trail, right, follow signs. Lots of like new women's clothing, up to 3X, 28W power driver, hand drill press, ladders & some tools. X-tree & decorations, craft supplies & lots more! (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** One day, Saturday, May 28, 9-5. 21 HP Craftsman lawn tractor, never used, \$1000 firm, lots of miscellaneous, 344-2482. 8068 Collen Ave., 72 W. to 93. S. to Margrethe Blvd., follow signs. (-26/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** 111 Crestwood, Grayling Mobile Estates. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (-26/10)

**1990 CHEVY CORSICA,** automatic, PS, PB, AM/FM, cassette, runs good, \$400 OBO. 348-8032. (-26/11)

**1988 MAZDA TRUCK,** 4X4, lots of new parts, needs some work, \$700 or best offer. Call 348-2473 after 5 p.m. (-26/11)

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